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Peres calls for early elections INSIDE **EIGHT PAGES** FROM SUNDAY'S

> PRIME Minister Shimon Peres kicked off the 1996 campaign season last night by announcing - as long expected that he is moving up election day. He did not specify a date. Likud leader Binyamin Ne-

> tanyahu retorted by saying that elections should have been held long ago, that he welcomes them, and that the date doesn't matter.

Both spoke at press conferences - first Peres, then Netanyahu in reply. Peres will invite Netanyahu to discuss

dates today.

Peres read a prepared statement. He began by recalling in detail the night of the Rabin assassination, down to the appearance of the dead prime minister in the morgue.

He then listed the achieve-

ments of the current government,. including "the fact that immigration has continued unabated, unemployment had been drastically cut, the educational system has become one of the world's best, new overpasses have opened up the country, terror has dropped, the prophets of doom have been proven wrong, and even those who poured scathing criticism on the Oslo accords now gradgingly admit that they are the only real path to peace. The way has been opened for peace with Syria and peace in the entire Middle East."

Peres admitted that negotiations with Syria on "security arrangements and water issues are taking longer than expected." He

State Warren "Christopher's successful visit to Damascus showed that peace can be pursued while said he decided to advance the an election campaign is under

the path forged by Rabin and myself, I need a renewed mandate.' He claimed that an election campaign "encourages the temp-

It is best to cut such periods short. Elections are essential for democracy, but a long campaign is a waste of time and resources."

He called for "a short, fair

campaign without epithets like 'murderer' and 'traitor.' We will exercise restraint - and I hope the opposition can." Answering questions, Peres

Prime Minister Shimon Peres announces last night in Jerusalem that he has decided to call early elections.

said he didn't think that advanc-ing the elections is admitting failure in the talks with Syria. "It is an admission that the talks with . Syria are taking longer than I thought, and we opted for early elections only after making sure. they won't halt the process." The issue of the Golan Heights will be subject to a separate referendum after the elections, he said. Channel 1 several times fo-

cused on the face of Peres's bodyguard, as the prime minister spoke. A short while later, the name of the bodyguard was flashed onto the screen - Yoram Rubin, the same bodyguard who was wounded during the Rabin assassination.

In his response, Netanyahu argued that these "are fateful elections, in which each citizen will have to ask whom he trusts more to conduct the negotiations and maintain Israel's security. We will pose a clear alternative to the government's policy.

"Unlike the government, we will make sure Jerusalem remains undivided, that the Golan prospers under Israel's control, and that a Palestinian state is not established, but limited to self-rule areas. We will have to stabilize a situation gone out of control in a foolhardy, hasty, and reckless negotiating process with too small a return. We will manage the talks responsibly, with utmost concernfor Israel's security."

Though he "does not subscribe to Peres's vision of a new Middle East," Netanyahu did speak of. the need for "a revolution in education to meet the new challenges in technology and communica-.

tions ... till every child in Israel (Continued on Page 2)

PA sets up roadblocks outside Bethlehem

HERB KEINON

THE Palestinian Police set up roadblocks at the entrances to Bethlehem yesterday, protesting work the IDF is carrying out near Rachel's Tomb to further fortify

Israeli security sources said the roadblocks are an infringement of the Oslo accords, since the Paiestiman Police did not inform the IDF of its intention to set them

Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij held a press conference and sharply criticized the work near

"They are building a Berlin Wall through the center of the main street," Freij said wall, if it continues, will kill the city of Bethlehem, the economy of Bethlehem, and will hurt

Gush Etzion residents on their way to work in the morning reported long lines of cars near Solomon's Pools, and many then decided to take the bypass road around the city. The Palestinian Police were reportedly stopping both Israeli and Palestinian cars.

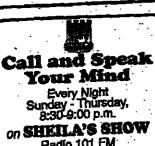
Settlement activists said that work to further fortify and make changes at Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem has been going on for about a month.

According to settlement sources, a wall is being built on the island in the middle of the road outside the tomb. The plan calls for a roof to then run from the wall to the tomb compound.

The road will continue to pass under the roof, but can be closed off when there are large numbers of worshipers at the temb. The worshipers themselves will then be protected by the wall, rather than be exposed outside the

In addition; settlement officials said, two more IDF guardposts are being built just south and north of the tomb. Work is also under way to take down walls and place a ceiling over parts of the compound to make the interior larger. Settlement sources put the cost of the work at about

According to the Oslo agreements, the tomb and the road leading to Jerusalem are to re-(Continued on Page 2)



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elections after US Secretary of way ... I felt that to continue in tation for pressure and extortion. Meretz, Hadash spurn Likud bid to join forces against Labor move

Gozansky: Early elections bad for us, but worse for Likud

HADASH and Meretz reported yesterday that the Likud had attempted to coordinate opposition to early elections with them, but both parties said they rejected the Likud's overtures.

Hadash and Meretz, like the Likud, are known to have good political reasons for opposing early elections.

The Likud has been trailing in the polls since the Rabin assassination. Meretz has been also doing badly in the polls and was hurt when its leader, Communications and Science Minister Shulamit Aloni, announced she would not be running again. Hadash, like the Democratic Arab Party, fears the challenge being posed by the new party being formed by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's adviser Ahmed

However, Hadash MK Tamar Gozansky minced no words: "We would have given serious consideration to any such offer, had it come from any other party but the Likud. Since the Likud came

to us, it made us determined to support early elections, even though they are detrimental to our interests. More important for us is that early elections are bad

for the Likud, and we are willing to sacrifice our interests if this will hust the Likud." Environment Minister Yossi Sarid (Meretz) was not as blunt, but expressed a similar sentiment. "We would not even dis-

cuss the matter, despite our very deep reservations about early elections. We sent the Likud emissary packing. We would not deal with them." The only parties who volunteered to support early elections

ernment must be welcomed

wholeheartedly," Ze'evi said.

came from the opposition. First was Moledet, though it is not clear just how many of its three MKs Moledet leader Rehavam Ze'evi actually speaks for. "Anything which can shorten the term of this disastrous gov-

The National Religious Party also endorsed early elections, mostly because it thinks it has a good chance to increase its number of seats.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres won reluctant support for advancing elections from Meretz. Hadash, the Democratic Arab Party, and the two Labor MKs -Avigdor Kahalani and Emanuel Zissman - who will officially become Third Way candidates when the movement formally declares itself a political party

Meretz explained that it agreed to early elections after it received assurances that the peace process with Syria will not be halted or slowed down. The Third Way wanted assurances that it would be given sufficient time to regis-

ter as a political party. Thus Peres has more than enough votes to pass early elections legislation in the Knesset.

Labor faction chairman

Ra'anan Cohen will tomorrow submit a bill calling for elections on May 21.

This is seen as a tactical ploy to enable Labor to "compromise" on May 28, which is said to really be its target date. However, some in Labor continued to predict that elections may, in the end, take place on June 4.

Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu called a meeting of top aides and MKs yesterday.

Among the topics on their agenda was Labor's intention to abolish the law limiting TV news coverage of candidates in the month prior to election day, which the Likud sees as benefiting the party in power. According to surveys, it was said, Labor leaders enjoy a 70 percent advantage in the coverage accorded

If the restrictions are abolished, the Likud argued, it should be for the elections scheduled for the year 2000, not for the present

Sharansky throws his hat into ring

TEN years to the day after he arrived in Israel, former Prisoner of Zion Natan Sharansky yesterday formally entered the race for

The leadership of his movement, Yisrael Ba'aliya, unanimously decided to become a political party and run in the upcoming elections. According to recent polls, an immigrant party is likely to win four to six Knesset seats.

Internal elections to select the 1,500 delegates to the party's convention, scheduled in mid-March, will be held at the end of the month. The convention will choose a 400-member central committee, which will select the Knesset list.

"This is the natural extension of our struggle to promote aliya in the Soviet Union," Sharansky said. "We want to make this country not merely a place of refuge, but a land which attracts Diaspora Jews because it offers a high quality of life and extensive opportunities."

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King Hussein to Mecca to repair Gulf War damage

DUBAI - Jordan's King Hussein performed a pilgrimage in the holy city of Mecca yesterday and held talks with Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah, Saudi TV reported.

The Jordanian monarch traveled to Mecca to perform the Umra, a minor pilgrimage, after he arrived in Jeddah.

He is hoping to restore once lucrative ties with Sandi Arabia that were severely strained by Amman's sympathy for Iraq in the 1990-91

Jordan's relations with Gulf countries have improved in the last few months, as Amman has begun to take a strong stand against Presi-

dent Saddam Hussein in Iraq. "The trip itself is very important and will

provide an opportunity to discuss all that could bring good for the two countries," King Hussein said on leaving for his first meeting with King Fahd since the crisis.

King Fahd, who less than two years ago

snubbed King Hussein while on a pilgrimage, flew to Mecca last week to receive visitors. It was his first travel since suffering a stroke in

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak arrived

on Saturday, but Jordanian and Egyptian officials said there were no plans for a three-way summit in Mecca involving Jordan, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia.

Jordan's newspapers, whose optimism on earlier fence-mending exercises proved un-founded, were confident that this time the Gulf War rift would finally be healed.

"King Hussein's impending visit to Mecca to hold a meeting with the Saudi leadership will mark the beginning of a new era in relations between the two countries after a hiatus of several years," wrote the Jordan

Hadassah finds genetic marker for muscle disease

HADASSAH-University Hospital researchers have discovered a genetic marker for hereditary inclusion body myopathy (HIBM), a disease that is most common among Jews of Persian (Iranian)

origin.
The finding two weeks ago could lead to the discovery of the actual gene, and already makes it possible to give families genetic counseling to determine who is a

Prof. Zehar Argov, a senior neurologist at the hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, said the disease occurs in one out of every 1,500 Jews of Persian origin. There are about 80 Israelis who

disease, but "we believe others remain undiagnosed, apparently because they are ashamed. We'd like to find them," be

Other ethnic groups, both Jewish and non-Jewish, suffer from the same or similar types of inherited muscular dystrophy, but with a lower frequency.

Argov discovered the disease in the late Seventies and has searched for the genetic marker for the past 15-months. "Of ethnically related diseases, it is very important, and no drug or other treatment is available," he said. HIBM is characterized by the

appearance of progressive weakness during the patient's twenties; it causes difficulties in walking and using the hands. Patients don't die of it. but some are very disabled due to extensive muscle damage. Until now. the disease was only detectable when the patient became ill.

Molecular genetic research, conducted by Argov with Dr. Stella Rosenbaum of the unit of molecular genetic development at Hadassah-University Hospital on Mt. Scopus, led to the discovery of the genetic marker in all the patients examined. They discovered that the defec-

tive gene is located somewhere on Chromosome #9 and now want to find the exact location. "A more exact characteriza-

tion of the gene is likely to bring great advancement in understanding the course the disease takes," Argov said. "Therefore, we would like to examine as large a number of patients and their families as possible. In the not-too-distant future, there may be a genetic test to determine whether a fetus is affect-

Families with a member who has been diagnosed with the disease are asked to contact Argov

tion of women's organizations to recruit female journalists to give publicity to women running for the Knesset backfired badly, as the journalists refused to allow feminist sympathies to intrude on journalistic ethics.

While agreeing to look into any newsworthy story, the journalists drew the line at running stories merely to give greater exposure to women candidates.

"Other than gender, you haven't brought us any political message," charged Hatzofeh's Naomi Golan. A male panel, she

commented, would definitely not

have focused on gender, but on Speakers representing WIZO, Na'amat, the Israel Women's

Network, and Emunah were unanimous in noting that the record number of women candidates reflects a growing political awareness among women.

Altogether, 69 women have submitted their candidacy. In the Labor primaries, 33 are running, 15 of them on the national list. There are 15 women would-be women MKs in the Likud, two in Hadash, two in David Levy's party, one in Tsomet, one in Moledet, two in the National Religious Party, and 13 in Meretz.

Although WiZO is apolitical, said its world chairwoman, Helena Glaser, she would have no hesitation in calling on WIZO members to back Na'amat chairwoman Ofra Friedman in the Labor primaries.

Conceding that NRP leaders have yet to understand that women have no less an important po-

City Counselor Yehudit Huebner advocated that women become more assertive. She proposed that the coalition hold a meeting with some of the most influential men in politics to make it clear to them just how much voting power women have and to spell out the threat: "If you're not with us, we're not with you."

Alice Shalvi, of the Israel Women's Network, is convinced that the number of women candidates can be increased next time around, if the right training is provided for them.

Public is entitled to a meaningful campaign THE upcoming election is likely

to have a profound impact on the Middle East peace process, but one would not know that, given the declared positions of the two main candidates for prime

When it comes to spelling out specifics, there are few ostensible differences between the two on the two major peace issues: the Golan Heights and the future of the territories.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres indicated he would not see these elections as a mandate on the Goian. Instead, he said, withdrawal from any part of the heights as part of a deal with Syria will necessitate a referendum.

Yet, if this election is not supposed to be about the Golan, it also comes at a time that the differences between the two big parties on the territories have apparently narrowed. So is this election the first post-ideological election?

On the surface, this may be true. It was only four years ago when Likud standard-bearer Yitzhak Shamir declared that the IDF could not leave Gaza due to the ideological attachment to the biblical land of Israel. The center of political gravity has certainly DAVID MAKOVSKY

Likud leader Binyamin Netan-

yahn is now saying that not only will Israel not return to Gaza, but it will not return to those cities in the territories now controlled by the Palestinian Anthority. Now the Likud, alongside La-

bor, puts forward maps that illustrate which percentage of the territories would be controlled by Israel. The debate seems more about numbers than principles.

Yossi Beilin favors a final map whereby Israel would keep most of the settlers - nothing tadically different from Netanyahu's plan. Each side also pays fealty to a united Jerusalem under Israeli

However, serious decisions will in fact have to be made regarding the Golan and the final-status talks. Yet doubts about the sincerity of Netanyahn and Peres in tackling these issues remain.

When Netanyahu pledged last week that he would never meet with elected Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat, it reinforced doubts that the Likud leader is serious about continuing

er, according to this school of thought, what he really seeks to do is to chip away at and ultimately destabilize the Oslo process and undername any hope for a deal on the final status.

Some suspect that Netanyahu's gambit is to profess support for the peace process, but only to capture the floating vote in the political center.

The argument can also be made that Peres's maneuvers. such as flip-flopping on early elections, reinforce doubts about his sincerity. And unlike Yitzhak Rabin, who favored a referendum because he had a change of heart since pledging during the 1992 campaign that he would not relinquish the Golan, Peres seems to want a referendum after the elections to simply to defuse campaign attacks by Netanyahu.

But elections, and not unprecedented referendums, are the best times to thrash out issues of national importance. The public is entitled to demand from Peres and Netanyahu a campaign as meaningful as the consequences it is likely to face after the election. This campaign should not just produce a winner, but also a mandate for a definite policy.

type next step for Nautilus

THE next stage of the Nautilus program is to develop a prototype laser system that can track short-range rockets and destroy them, Defense Ministry Director-General David Ivry said

He said Friday's successful destruction of a Katyusha rocket by laser represented the end of the first phase of the Nautilus program, which was designed to determine the feasibility of the weapon. The next stage is to build a prototype of a full system that would include a radar sensitive enough to detect short-range missiles and mortar shells.

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Barak was in St. Louis yester-

day for the plenum of the National Jewish Community Relations

Advisory Council, an umbrella

organization representing 117 lo-

cal community relations councils

as well as several national

delegates from the UN Security

In a wide-ranging speech, Ba-rak assured NJCRAC of the gov-

ernment's commitment to

our position will be that Greater

Jerusalem should remain undi-

vided, under our sovereignty, the

eternal capital of Israel Period,"

he said. inThere are no compro-

mises here. No 'ifs,' 'ands' or

man Yasser Arafat must live up

ations as planned," he said.

"a complete convergence of in-

terests and concerns between Is-

rael and the Diaspora is neither

possible nor desirable. We each

have our own priorities."

He also said that PLO Chair-

"In the permanent status talks,

He is scheduled to meet with

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bus was reported hurt.

STEVE RODAN

cy and detection," Ivry told reporters at a briefing. "You need a very strong radar and to coordinate the radar with the laser. This is a major challenge."

Ivry said that the laser would undergo another test before the program enters the next stage. He said it is too early to provide an estimate on how much the development of a laser system would cost.

Defense officials have generally played down the success of Nautilus. They said the program is mostly directed by the US starting from the Strategic Defense Initiative in the mid-1980s with Israeli involvement beginning only a year ago.

Ivry said the Nantilus's success would have no affect on another Israel-US program on missile defense, the Arrow.

Unlike Nautilus, Ivry said, Arrow, which is being funded at \$500 million over the next five years, is meant to intercept and destroy ballistic missiles at ranges way beyond that of the laser

He said another test of Arrow 2, the operational model of the missile, will take place soon. He said the demonstration would not try to intercept an enemy missile.

(Continued from Page 1) main under Israeli control. The accords also stipulate that Israel has the right to build two more

Last night, it was announced that the dispute between the PA

political level. The announcement came following a meeting between liaison committee heads Brig.-Gen. Herzl Getz and Ziad

and from the Wakf to act against the construction.

Norway's detense minister arrives today Norwegian Defense Minister Jorgen Kosmo arrives today for

a five-day official visit as the guest of Prime Minister and Defense Minister Shimon Peres. He will meet with Peres and Defense Ministry Director-General David Ivry. He will also visit an air force base and lay a wreath at the grave of Yitzhak Jerusalem Post Staff

Savir, Brodet leave for Jordan

Foreign Ministry Director-General and peace negotiations coordinator Uri Savir is to leave today for a short visit to Jordan along with Finance Ministry Director-General David Brodet.

During their visit, the two will discuss bilateral relations, especially economic cooperation and joint projects, with Crown Prince Hassan and other Jordanian officials. Savir will also meet with the new Jordanian prime minister, Abdul Karim

Deputy FM to dress down Bassiounv

Deputy Foreign Minister Eli Dayan has demanded an urgent meeting with Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny to discuss recent Egyptian press reports that claimed IDF soldiers used Egyptian POWs as live targets, abused their bodies, and sold their internal organs for transplant.

message to Cairo demanding some control over the sharp anti-Israel stories that have been appearing in the Egyptian media, official and opposition alike.

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ing the national camp together, "including David Levy.

But speaking on Channel 1 last night, Levy said he would not

drop out of the race for prime minister and would not return to President Ezer Weizman,

meanwhile, called on the public to keep the election campaign free of violence. "I wish the nation a smooth

path to elections ... and call on the public to maintain a decent standard," he said after conferring with Peres on the date of the election.

"We must keep standards of both verbal and physical non-violence," Weizman said. "We have experienced the terrible things which are the result of both verbal and physical violence," he

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Meanwhile, PA officials said last night that Yasser Arafat is to be sworn in this week, possibly this evening, as president of the national authority.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dayan on Saturday night expressed anger at the reports, calling them an "ugly blood libel." Dayan is expected to reprimand Bassiouny and thus send a

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has a computer ... but we also need to anchor this new age in our roots, because there is a basic loss of values, of the spirit of the return to Zion, to Eretz Yisrael, and our rights in this land."

The elections, according to Netanyahu, "should have been held long ago. Therefore, the Likud and Tsomet will support legislation to bring them forward. The date is not the most important element here, and we will not quibble over a week here or a week there."

Netanyahu spoke about bring-

PA, Israel in row over airport site A PLO official yesterday accused and this is a flagrant violation of Israel of trying to impose security the accord we signed with them,"

comment on the allegation.

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control over a Palestinian airport under construction along the ation Authority. Gaza Strip's border with Israel. "Israeli soldiers have for the past 10 days tried to prevent work on construction of the airport ...

head of the Palestinian Civil Avi-The IDF had no immediate

to the Oslo accords and cancel the Palestinian Covenant. Batsheva Tsur contributed to this If Arafat fails to deliver, "then I see no way how we can proceed with the permanent status negoti-

Turning to the Diaspora, he said, an agenda for relations is conspicuously, absent. Relations must move beyond charity to said Brig.-Gen. Fayez Zeidan, partnership, he said, but added,

city. She later died at Haifa's TWO people were killed and 39 Rambam Hospital. Police were trying to determine direction, and the minibus was

bus was at a complete stop, whether the driver had not closed the door and begun driving, caus-

ing the women to fall off. Twenty-one people were hurt, two seriously, in a three-vehicle collision at the Mashtela junction

A van collided head-on with a minibus coming in the opposite whether she had slipped when the then hit from behind by a light truck. All 21 victims were Pa tinians on their way to work in

Eighteen people were lightly injured when a milk truck skidded at the junction between Ashdod and Gedera, and nit a buson the Beit Lid-Tulkarm road. carrying workers.

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On leaving, two of the group

ugly crimes against humanity."

Syrians visit LA Holocaust museum TOM TUGEND

THE Simon Wiesenthal Center's Cooper, the Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance, which is accustomed to a wide range of international visitors, recorded a first last week when it hosted a six

Syrian writers and artists. The group included three writers, a journalist, a painter, and a sculptor. They were conducted on a two-and-a-half hour tour of revealing and moving

FOREIGN Minister Ehud Barak

appealed to American Jews to support the peace process and engage in a partnership with Israel, the museum by Rabbi Abraham but noted that Israel and the Di-**ATTENTION TOURISTS:** aspora each has different Your vacation dream come true! And a profitable investment too!

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Klingberg seeks rehearing of parole request

CONVICTED spy Marcus Klingberg yesterday asked the High Court of Justice to rehear his request for parole before an ex-

Klingberg, 78, was sentenced to 20 years in prison in 1983 for giving the Soviet Union information on chemical and biological warfare while he was serving as deputy head of the Biological In-

summer on humanitarian grounds, since he is suffering from several potentially fatal

Haifa

mayor:

Pipeline

dangerous

DAVID RUDGE

THE cabinet decided yesterday

to permit, for the time being, the

continued use of a petroleum

pipeline which runs under residential areas of Haifa, despite

warnings that it represents an en-

It was also decided, however,

that a thorough survey of the dan-

ger should be conducted by an

independent body, which is to

submit its findings within 90 days.

Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna,

who has been leading the cam-

paign for the closure of the pipe-

line, known as the "White Pipe-

line," following an alleged leak

last year in the Neveh Sha'anan

A high school in the neighbor-

hood was closed for several

weeks after teachers and pupils

complained of feeling sick be-

cause of fumes from the suspect-

The Energy Ministry main-

tained that no breakages had

been discovered after tests were

carried out on the pipeline, and

eventually the school was

Nevertheless, Mitzna, with the

full backing of local residents,

maintained that the incident was

The Municipality has peti-

tioned the High Court of Justice

for an injunction closing the pipe-

vealed that it constituted an

has opposed an examination by

an objective body, as was decided

by the cabinet, which will be con-

ducted in accordance with the in-

structions of the Environment Ministry. This we welcome," he

Indictment of two

'Yediot' editors today

INDICTMENTS against Yediot

Aharonot editor Moshe Vardi

and former news editor Ruth

Ben-Ari will be filed in Tel Aviv

Magistrate's Court this morning,

The two will be charged on

three counts of commissioning

and use of illegal wiretapping.

The charges relate to listening to

a cellular phone conversation be-

tween Yediot publisher Arnon

Mozes and Ma'ariv publisher

Ofer Nimrodi; attempting to tap

Yediot graphic artist Orit Lip-

shitz's phone; and commissioning

Yediot editor-in-chief Dov Yud-

kovsky after he moved to

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Justice Ministry sources said.

"The ministry has until now

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This decision was welcomed by

vironmental and health hazard

A three-justice panel rejected his request two weeks ago, saying they accepted Klingberg's claim that he has no intention of betraying additional secrets, but he might still do so auwittingly, and this is a danger that can only be guarded against by keeping him

Feldman, argued that this ruling was a radical departure from the standards the court had previous-

Therefore, he said, the case merits a rehearing before an expanded panel

EVELYN GORDON

Under this new test, however, anyone with any access to classified information could be thrown in jail, since anyone could inadvertently reveal such informa-

Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lan meets with South African President Nelson Mandela during his five-

day visit to South Africa, which ended yesterday. 'I hope to visit Israel in 1996,' Mandela told Lau.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ethiopian immigrants and will be organized

Road safety chief quits

Othniel Schneller, head of the Transport

head of transport negotiations with Jordan,

in the post for over eight years, was heavily

continuing high number of road accidents.

Supporters said, however, that he was never

The resignation is to take effect April 1,

following the completion of the transport

agreement with Jordan and the accident

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to Yeruham, including Beersheba and Arad.

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near Dimona goes online today. This is the

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physical condition of the highways.

able to directly affect such essential factors as

criticized for _10st of that time because of the

with the cooperation of the United Ethiopian

Jewish Organization, the immigrants' umbrella

Ministry's Road Safety Administration and the

announced his resignation yesterday. Schneller,

Jerusalem Post Staff

"A legal system that curtails on the slippery slope toward be-

The court's ruling, Feldman artions: that Klingberg possesses dropped in conversation, and that Klingberg is incapable of controlling his tongue.

"With all due respect, this is a chain of assumptions that deviates in an extreme fashion from the wisdom, restraint, and sobriety that usually characterizes this court in matters relating to fundamental freedoms and permissible infringements thereof," he

He noted that Klingberg has complied completely with all the restrictions placed upon him in prison, even to concealing his

Druse begin demo at PM's Office

DAVID RUDGE

DRUSE and Circussian local council heads began an indefinite tent protest outside the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem yesterday, to press the government to honor its promises to increase their development

The council leaders maintain with the Finance and Interior

They pitched their tent in virtuagainst

rescind the planned cuts and make funds available to consolidate deficits of the councils and increase regular budgets.

The Druse and Circassian council leaders, however, decided to continue with their own demonstration, specifically relating to the additional funding promised for development in their villages. These include the development and improvement of road, sewage and water networks and other municipal projects.

with Finance Minister Avraham Shohat later this week to present their demands

Bus company must reinstate union workers

MICHAL YUDELMAN

IN a precedent-setting ruling, the Tel Aviv Regional Labor Court yesterday ordered a private employer to reinstate workers who were fired over a year ago for union activity.

The court ruled that the Gat Tapuz bus company, which had fired two workers on the pretext that they had committed disciplinary violations, had really dismissed them due to their efforts to expand the workers' rights and obtain a collective wage agreement.

The court ordered Gat Tapuz, a subsidiary of Egged, to reinstate the two workers immediately, to pay their accumulated wages for the lost year of work and to grant them all the rights and benefits they would have accumulated during this time.

The court also ordered the company to cover court expenses of NIS 1,500.

The workers, Yistael Yaniv and Avraham Steinberg, who represent 130 bus drivers in the Tel Aviv, Holon and Ben-Gurion Airport area, were employed as drivers by Gat Tapuz in 1991.

The company employs drivers, conductors, supervisors, mechanics and administrative workers. all on personal contracts.

In September 1992 the Histadrut received complaints from Gat Tapuz workers, that they were being threatened and pressured by management to stop the organization process. But when Histadrut queried management, Gat Tapuz replied that the Ristadrut had no standing in the affair and the company could do as it pleased.

In October 1994, the company's employees elected a works committee for the Tel Aviv and central area. The management confirmed its recognition of the committee's status and wrote a letter to the bank, opening an account for the committee.

But once the committee, which was also recognized by the Histadrut's trade union division, actually began to act in matters relating to workers' welfare. management began harassing committee members. In November 1994, the company canceled Yaniv's entrance permit to Ben-Gurion Airport.

In December 1994, the workers declared a labor dispute, in coordination with the Histadrut. Ten days later the two committee members received letters of

Attorneys Naomi Landau and Francis Raday, who represented the union members, said the freedom to organize is a basic right. They maintained the two workers had not been dismissed in good

The court ruled that the dismissals had in fact violated the Basic Law: Human Dignity and

First direct flights to Tunis this spring

HAIM SHAPIRO

THE first direct flights between Israel and Tunisia are to take groups of Israelis to a religious celebration on the Tunisian island of Dierba for Lag Ba'omer.

This was announced yesterday by Yossi Englander, chairman of Yossi Tours, who reached an agreement with Tunisian Tourism Minister Sallah Moani. Yossi Tours signed an agreement to execute the flights with TTS, a large Tunisian tout operator and owner of Nouvel Air, a Tunisian charter company which is to carry out the flights.

The first three flights are to be on MD83s, carrying 167 passengers each, with flight time about three and a half hours. The return

flights are to be from Tunis, with passengers having the option of buying a flight ticket or a full tour package. Yossi Tours has also arranged for a hotel in Djerba to provide kosher food.

For the past two years, the company has brought Israelis to Tunisia on package tours via Rome and Malta. Englander said he hopes to initiate a weekly charter flight. The Lag Ba'omer flight will cost \$500 to \$600.

In other air news, Adria, the Slovenian national airline, has resumed direct flights between Ljubljiana, the capital of the former Yugoslav republic, and Tel Aviv. The airline is represented here by Mirus Services.

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panded panel of justices.

Klingberg's attorney, Avigdor stitute in Ness Ziona He appealed for parole last

In the past, Feldman said, the standard has always been the prisoner's intent: Before someone's freedom could be curtailed, the state had to prove not only that he possessed dangerous information, but also that he was very likely to give this information to an enemy.

tion, Feldman noted.

rights ... to defend against the unknown is, with all due respect, coming a legal system that neglects the defense of human dignity and freedom," he wrote in his request for a second hearing.

gued, rests on several assumpinformation which he does not realize could endanger state security, that this information is still dangerous after 17 years, that it could be unwittingly conveyed in no more than a few casual words

name from his jailers.

budgets.

that they have received only half of the funds that had been promised them in a written agreement

ally the same spot as the one that was erected last week by leaders of the Union of Local Authorities (ULA), in a demonstration proposed budget cutbacks.

The ULA demonstration ended after a meeting between its representatives and Prime Minister Shimon Peres last Thursday

An agreement was reached to

The council heads are to meet

nced neonle to invest money with th

line, which runs from the Oil Refineries in Haifa's bayside suburbs to the center of the country. Mitzna charged that the Energy Ministry had completely ignored the danger of the pipeline, despite surveys which had re-

14 years for rape

Talat Gazawi, 27, from Kalansuwa, was

sentenced yesterday to 141/2 years' imprisonment

by Haifa District Court for raping a bitchhiker.

Last March, Gazawi picked up an 18-year-old

woman up at Kfar Yona on his way to Haifa,

her. He confessed to the crime. In sentencing,

Judge Micha Lindenstrauss said the courts are

protect women and girls against sexual assault."

"obligated to fight against criminals and to

pulled off the road at a deserted spot, and raped

of aggravated fraud and extortion and sentenced to four years in prison by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday. Between 1987 and 1992, Avraham, described as a smooth talker,

Con man sentenced on 24 counts

Zion Avraham, 57, was convicted on 24 counts

The Anti-Defamation League and the developing and implementing tolerance

operated a pyramid scheme in which he promise of better returns than a bank. He then used money from later investors to partially repay previous ones, pocketing a good deal in the process. Eventually, of course, the pyramid

Tolerance program set up

Absorption Ministry have agreed to cooperate in programs here. The initial effort will focus upon

1,200 prosecuted under nature protection laws

LIAT COLLINS

SOME 1,200 police complaints were filed last year for violations of nature protection laws, including illegal hunting, damage to natural sites and plants and litter m nature reserves.

The Nature Reserves Authority yesterday released the figures for prosecutions it initiated in 1995. The report shows an increase of more than 100 percent in criminal proceedings initiated since 1990, which, according to NRA spokeswoman Dina Weinstein, can be attributed to stronger enforcement

Among the most common, serious violatious prosecuted were 136 cases of damaging natural as-sets, mainly the theft of corals from the Eilat reserve; the hunting of protected species; gather-

ing waste in nature reserves. Of the illegal hunters, 82 were people facing these charges.

ing of protected flowers and herbs such as hyssop; and lumbering. Most of the 367 files opened on public disorder charges involved illegal driving and damage by 4x4 vehicles, quarrying, and littering or dump-

caught for hunting deer, a pro-tected species. According to Weinstein, illegal deer hunting seems to be one reason for the drastic drop in the number of deer found in the north, a decrease of 700 between 1994 and 1995. Other offenses include hunting without a license, not sticking to quotas and hunting in protected areas. Deputy Interior Minister Salah Tarif is among the

Pesticide-contaminated strawberries destroyed

TESTS on strawberries in the Even Yehuda area revealed unacceptably high levels of pesticides, and the Agriculture Ministry has destroyed 200 kg, of the fruit. The pesticide can damage the nervous system.

The ministry's action is part of an effort to take more serious measures against farmers who ignore instructions on the use of pesticides. In particular, the ministry began monitoring strawberries more carefully over the past month. Major growing areas checked included Kedma and

Twenty-four hours after the ministry took the strawberries from the fields of Avraham Karmi, who had leased them to Nasser Abed from Tira, it was determined that the fruit was a danger to public health. Strawberries from Kalansuwa were also had found to have high levels

of pesticides. The reports of pesticide incidents have caused the public to stop buying strawberries, and farmers have complained, so the ministry decided to publish the names of the locations and own-



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Car bombs kill 17, wound 93 in Algeria

ALGIERS (AP) - Powerful car bombs killed 17 people and wounded 93 others yesterday in this North African country convulsed by an Islamic insurgency. Seventeen people were killed

and 52 injured when a car bomb exploded at about 3 p.m. in the Belcourt quarter of the capital, Algiers, according to official

The bomb exploded just as a minibus was passing a building that houses the Algerian newspaper Le Soir d'Algerie and the offices of several independent journalists and photographers. Witnesses said it blew a crater in the ground.

It was not immediately known whether any journalists were among the dead or injured. Islamic radicals began intentionally targeting journalists in May 1993, and 58 have been killed, most recently an Algerian newspaper editor shot to death

Earlier yesterday, a car bomb planted in another bustling quarter of the capital, Bab el Oued. exploded and wounded 41 people. French television showed dozens of people peering at the mangled wreckage of a small car used to conceal the bomb in the Bab el Oued attack. A woman

wearing a headscarf and holding a baby on her hip picked her way through chunks of concrete.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for either attack, but suspicion fell on Islamic radicals trying to topple the militarybacked government and replace it with strict Islamic rule.

The government, reacting to the widening violence, clamped down by ordering Algerian newspapers to submit reports on terrorism to a government censor.

The bomb that wounded 41 exploded in front of a heavily protected city office, and the building was heavily damaged. A hospital

source said seven of the wounded were gravely injured and that the casualty toll could rise.

A source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that the bombing may have been the work of the Armed Islamic Group, the most extreme of Algeria's militant factions.

The source said a suspected group commando had been seen walking in the area with an armload of materials. There were no other details, and the government did not confirm the report.

The bombings were the 11th and 12th attacks since Ramadan began three weeks ago.

Irish slam UK plan for Northern Ireland elections

STUNNED by a deadly IRA bomb attack in London. British and Irish leaders searched yesterday for political initiatives to restore damaged hopes for peace in Northern Ireland, despite obvious lrish government anger at what it sees as British prevarica-

As Prime Minister John Major summoned his cabinet for crisis talks, his erstwhile Irish partner in the peace process said London and Dublin must act decisively to keep the shaken peace process

"Risks have to be taken for peace. Governments are the only people who can make that judgment at the end of the day and indeed ensure that the violence is stopped," former Irish premier Albert Reynolds told GMTV.

Irish Prime Minister John Bruton accused Britain of "pouring petrol on the flames" licking at the peace process in Northern Ireland by insisting on elections in the province ahead of all-party

He said that the British position on elections - thought to be behind the breakdown of a 17month IRA cease-fire - would only deepen the crisis into which the process had been plunged by a lethal IRA bomb attack in London on Friday.

"I believe the idea of having an election of the kind suggested immediately after the resumption of violence would pour petrol on the flames," Bruton told Irish

He was reacting to remarks by Sir Patrick Mayhew, Britain's Northern Ireland secretary, which he called a grave error.

"I would urge Sir Patrick not to pursue that path, to accept the advice of the Irish government on this matter," Bruton said.

Bruton reiterated that the Dublin government would not hold talks with Sinn Fein, the News agencies LONDON

political wing of the IRA, until the cease-fire was reinstated. But his remarks on Britain's handling of the crisis showed the clear rift between London and Dublin.

In London, a spokesman for the British government said he was aware of Bruton's remarks but had no comment.

A senior member of Sinn Fein, said yesterday the current stage of the peace process had collapsed but could be rebuilt if all parties involved worked together.

The peace process which was constructed over many years has collapsed. Now we have to go back to the drawing board and we have to start to rebuild it yet Mitchell McLaughlin

President Clinton led a chorus of international condemnation of the London bomb but some foreign newspapers accused Prime Minister John Major of playing a dangerous game of brinkmanship with the IRA.

Clinton said: "The people of Northern Ireland have chosen peace. They do not deserve to have a small group choose blood-shed and violence and wreck the peaceful life they long for."

Newspapers around the world

expressed outrage at the IRA's return to violence, with some saying its Sinn Fein political wing's quest for respectability had been shattered. There was also stinging criticism of Major for his hard stance at the peace talks.

Saying there was no justification for such a "wanton attack" and that the IRA had made a "terrible mistake," the New York Times in an editorial yesterday said the bomb should be a warning to those involved in the con-

Urging Major to change track, it said: "He has been playing a dan-

gerous game of brinkmanship with the paramilitary groups."

This theme was taken up in Spain, where Basque separatists have killed more than 800 people

in a 27-year campaign. "Major's government bears enormous responsibilities for having resorted to all manner of tricks," the conservative daily ABC newspaper said.
France's Le Monde said the Irish

republicans' search for international respectability had been wrecked by the blast.

"The bombing ruins years of efforts by Sinn Fein's leaders to appear respectable," said the influential center-left daily. But it added that "to say the least," Britain shared responsibili-

ty for the paralyzed peace process.
The British government, under Unionist pressure, is more intransigent than ever. Nonetheless, it concluded: There is still hope this was only a

warning shot and peace has not yet been killed off." The detonation of the buge bomb in the Canary Wharf financial and media district is the latest

in a long line of IRA attacks to hit Britain where it hurts most. IRA bombings of department stores, bars and political or mili-

tary targets in Britain in the 1970s and 1980s have given way to attacks on institutions at the core of the country's financial power.

The attack killed two people injured more than 100 others and caused damage estimated at up to 100 million pounds (NIS 465 million), although the Canary Wharf tower itself did not take the full force of the 250 kg bomb.

The IRA heralded its shift in tactics on April 11, 1992, when it destroyed London's Baltic Exchange, the world's leading international shipping market, in the heart of the centuries-old City financial district.

Rescue workers and police officers stand outside the Toyohoma tunnel where 20 people have been trapped since Saturday. Dynamite gamble fails in Japan tunnel tragedy

JAPANESE rescue workers yesterday failed to dynamite a giant boulder off a collapsed road tunnel in which 20 people were entombed in two vehicles and hope had virtually run out of finding the motorists alive.

last-ditch gamble to reach the victims -19 in a bus and a lone motorist - who have been trapped since Saturday morning in the tunnel on Japan's northernmost island of Hokkaido.

Relatives gave permission for the blasting operation after roundthe-clock efforts in light snow to reach the vehicles from either side were thwarted by tons of fallen rock and soil.

The tragedy happened when a giant rock slab slid off the side of a mountain overlooking the tunnel and speared into its roof, opening a breach through which poured

dozens of tons of debris. Rescue workers hoped that if the giant boulder could have

been blasted off the roof, they might have been able to reach the motorists from the tunnel

Workers, only able to see the scene through special scanning equipment poked through debris, were crushed and there were no sounds or signs of movement.

They were able to see the bus driver's hat and one hand, but calls to him went unanswered.

"We are worried time has probably run out now for the people inside," one rescue official said.

When the rock slab fell, a 40meter stretch of the ceiling crashed down from just inside one of the entrances of the 1,086 meter-long Toyohama tunnel about 50 km. northwest of Hokkaido's capital city of

Sapporo.

The rupture started before the tunnel burrows into the mountain through which it passes on a highway running along the Sea of

Yoichi and Furubira.

Authorities said they would aim to conduct a second blast before noon today. Preparations for the blast would be made overnight. they said.

were a constant hazard on Hokkaido, an island regularly shaken by earthquakes and blanketed by snow for up to six

months of the year. They said earth tremors first opened small cracks in rocks which were widened by ice forming in them from the constant snow leading to regular massive rock falls.

A police spokesman said all family members of the victims gave their consent to the blasting operation and were aware it could have caused a new collapse, which would have made the plight of their loved ones even more des-

most

Japan coast between the towns of appeared steeled for bad news even before the dynamiting was carried out.

"The bus is crushed, and I doubt if my daughter is still alive. I just want them to hurry up with the work," the father of a 17-year-old

"My son appears to be trapped in the back of the bus between some rocks, and he could still be alive. But, if I don't give my consent work won't progress," another father said.

Rescue workers planted a total of about 220 kg. of dynamite at 21 points in the slab, but when they were detonated, the massive boulder only slid about a foot off the tunnel roof, leaving most of it still

"We did not achieve our aim of removing the boulder because we cut the amount of dynamite for safety reasons," rescue official Makoto Niiyama said."

fraying Dayton deal **KURT SCHORK** SARAJEVO

US envoy tries to mend

US envoy Richard Holbrooke,

architect of the Dayton peace agreement for Bosnia, flew into Sarajevo yesterday to tackle what he called the gravest challenge to the deal yet.

He warned the rival parties they had no choice but to fully implement the peace accord, threatened ernment's arrest of suspected Serb war criminals and conflict in the divided Moslem-Croat city of Mostar.

"We are here to insist on full compliance with Dayton, no exceptions, no changes, Holbrooke told reporters in

Sarajevo. "We consider this as the first serious challenge to the Dayton agreement. All three parties are still saying they will comply but they are arguing over what com-pliance means. We are here to help

them straighten it out." Serb army commander Gen. Ratko Miadic on Thursday ordered his troops to break off contacts with NATO peacekeepers in protest at the Bosnian government's detention of several Serbs. including a general and a colonel, on suspicion of involvement in war crimes.

Mladic himself has been indicted as a war criminal by a UN tribunal and is ineligible, under the terms of Dayton, to hold a public

Holbrooke met Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic soon after arriving in the Bosnian capital vesterday and told reporters: We absolutely reaffirmed full compliance with Dayton...We furthermore reaffirmed America's support for Mayor Koshnick's proposals in regard to Mostar."

Hans Koshnick, the EU administrator for the divided southern town, was attacked in his car on Wednesday by Croats angry at his plans for new municipal bound-

Izetbegovic was earlier quoted as saying his government would hold on to those guilty of war crimes even if that jeopardized the peace process.

Computer beats Kasparov

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - A chess computer turned retreat into a winning attack Saturday to defeat world champion Gary Kasparov in the first of a six-game match. IBM's Deep Blue can master a

move no human can accomplish: sifting through more than 200 million possible chess maneuvers per second. The duel is the first to pit human against machine for a regulation, six-game chess match. Kasparov ceded defeat on the

pinned his king between a knight and a rook. Playing black, Kasparov was

putting heat on Deep Blue's king in the 28th move when the computer managed to maneuver its way out of a defensive posture by capturing a key Kasparov pawn.

The pawn was in position to move to the computer's final rank and be exchanged for a queen, which would have dramatically strengthened Kasparov's hand.

By the 29th move, Grandmasters Yasser Seirawan and Manrice Ashley were saying that Kasparov lost. The glowering, 32-year-old Ukrainian champion left the game site in Philadelphia's Convention center without a word.



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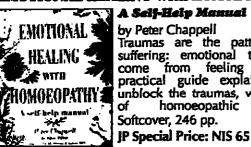
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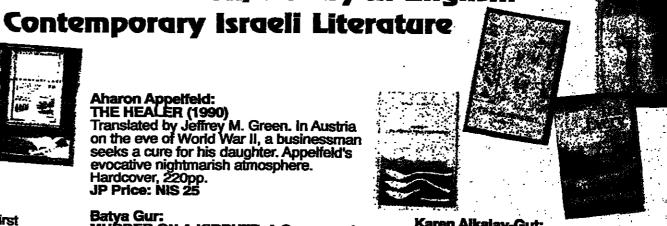
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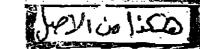
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Organ transplant

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT.

The centerpiece of composer Ari Ben-Shabtai's latest symphonic work is an instrument that hasn't been heard in about 2,000 years.

The title of the 12-minute Magrephah is also the name of a type of organ that was used in the Temple, according to the 42-yearold Jerusalemite.

Through this work I'm trying to recreate in my mind how this instrument sounded," he noted a few days before its local premiere.

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Lorin Maazel will lead the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra within the framework of the Jerusalem 3000 celebrations. The work was first played in December in Pittsburgh, where one critic dubbed it "an important contribution to contemporary music."

When he received the commission, Ben-Shabtai began searching for a meeting point between the Jerusalem 3000 theme and the American orchestra.

The work, he says, "follows one

day in the life of the Temple. Israelites approach the altar as they are dancing and getting very excited." The American aspect was added once Ben-Shabtai imagined a Cecil B. deMille cinematic

extravaganza. "It's not that the music is Hollywood film music, quite the contrary," he states. "It is my musical impressions of a sort of a huge Hollywood-style backdrop."
In fact, the highly programmatic

Magrephah is also subtitled Symphonic Pictures from King Herod's Temple Length was also a consideration

in Ben-Shabtai's approach. There is a problem "when we are asked to write a short piece that opens a concert and which a large part of the audience can avoid by simply coming a little bit late. It does not enable you to explore and develop certain ideas. For such a piece you must write more simple music, although not necessarily more sim-

His twice-as-long Symphonia



Lorin Maazel will conduct Ari Ben-Shabtai's 'Magrephah' as part of Jerusalem 3000.

Chromatica won the first prize in the recent Israel Philharmonic Orchestra competition for a new symphonic work.

"It is still an overture, but a much

longer one," he says of the work

that the IPO also performed on tour under the baton of Zubin Mehta. "Maazel leads the PSO in Magrephah Tuesday in Jerusalem. The program includes Mendelssohn's fourth and Sibelius's second symphonies.

Metal to go, hold the subtlety

66 Were death metal when we started ▼ out, and everyone else was hard-core and speed metal." If you understood anything in the previous quote by Paradise Lost guitarist Aaron Aedy, you should be writing about this kind

I just mumbled "uh-huh" and continued joiting his pearls of wisdom on a call to Halifax. Yorkshire, last week.

of music instead of me.

The ex-death, hard-core, and speed metal and now just rock-'n'roll-with-a-touch-of-metal band will be making an impressive third visit to our shores this month for a concert at the Tel Aviv Hangar on February 20.

"Our music has progressed. I haven't listened to any of that stuff in years," Aedy explains. It was the un-rock-'n'-roll hour

of 8 a.m. and Aedy had just finished digging his girlfriend's car out of a snow drift and was settling into a morning of telephone interviews with Israeli journalists. MTV has helped make Paradise

Lost one of the country's, and

Europe's most popular metal bands. To most untrained listeners, the distinction between the various

areas of above-mentioned metal music blur together into a big white noise that sounds like it's played at 78 speed. And since trained listeners most likely can't hear anymore, we must generally take the bands' word when they describe what category they belong to.

However, I can vouch for Aedy that the band's latest release, Draconian Times, has tempos found in the real world and the guitars will not make your speakers melt. If you could survive Black Sabbath 20 years ago, you can make it through Paradise Lost

In fact, Aedy points to Sabbath front-man Ozzy Osbourne as the band's main influence.

"My dad played a bit of guitar. I remember him playing along to

Queen and ELO, and my mom like Abba." Aedy says with a snicker. "But once I borrowed Blizzard of Oz [an Osbourne solo album], I

knew what I wanted to do." The band members - Nick Holmes on vocals, Greg Mackintosh on guitar, Stephen Edmonson on bass, and Lee Morris on drums - met in their early teens and formed a band for the fun of it.

"We were basically a bunch of teenage drunks hanging around the pubs until someone suggest making a record to us, and we said, 'all right, we'll give it a go." Aedy recalls, Today, they are neither teenage nor drunk, but they have finished a five-week tour of Europe and Japan with their hero Osbourne and are preparing to crack the lucrative US market.

"We're relatively unknown in the US, but we hope that will change. Our previous records were handled there independently, but the new one has a lot of backing," he says.

The band is anything but unknown in Tel Aviv.

"The last time we came here, in '94, we had a record signing appearance at Tower Records, and we couldn't believe how many people showed up. We thought a couple dozen might come, but there were hundreds. They chased through the mall there. We felt like

the Beatles," Aedy says. The band played three shows in five days, so they had plenty of time in between to act like tourists, which was fine with Aedy.

"I remember seeing a picture when I was a kid of a man reading a paper floating in the Dead Sea. so when we came here. I made sure to drag everyone there. I loved it in Israel. I'm into history and mythology, so I loved all the archeological sites and visiting the Wailing Wall," Aedy says.

"You read about the trouble here and think everything is going to be in conflict, but it was fine. We even gave a lift to a couple of soldiers who were at the Dead Sea."

Black, proud, still single

WAITING TO EXHALE

ADINA HOFFMAN

Whitney Houston

Angela Bassett

Loretta Devine

Dieasant, moody and trivial in its essence, Waiting to Exhale is the cinematic equivalent of easy-listening music. The film tells the story of four gorgeous black women looking for love in Phoenix, Arizona, and is perhaps best appreciated for its smooth veneer and overthe-top glamour. The stars' covergirl looks, silky wardrobes and postcard-perfect desert surrounding are hardly the stuff of tough

It's a fantasy, then, a hip, black treatment of the themes that have filled the dizzy heads of white women's pictures from How to Marry a Millionaire on. In this sense, it's also a rethinking - if think isn't too hefty a term to use for such deliberate mindlessness of the sociology-strapped bestseller by Terry McMillan, on which the movie is based. (She co-wrote the screenplay with

Ronald Bass.) That 1992 novel also relied on an ample dose of schlock to keep us entertained. ("I fell on the bed and, through the open door, looked at his steamy silhouette in the mirror, feeling my body's growing excitement.") But at the same time it aspired to be something more: a pointed message



Viewers might wonder when Oprah Winfrey is going to pop up from behind the couch, as these four black women talk about their problems finding good men.

from the front lines about the difficulty of being single, middleclass, black and female, while the only available black men are, in the characters' own words, "ugly, stupid, in prison, unemployed, crackheads, short, liars, unreliable, irresponsible, too posses-

McMillan's novel may well be an accurate depiction of the sorry state of African-American romantic relations and of the companionship that so many black women can only find with their girlfriends. On a literary level, though, the book suffers from a

tendency both to grandstand, Oprah-style, about male shortcomings and female strength, and to indulge in the sort of slapdash wishful thinking that lets the narrator describe the morning after a hotel-room tryst this way: "James thanked Bernadine for easing his pain. Thanked her for trusting him He thanked her for everything, but especially ... for restor-

ing his faith in black women." The movie, though, doesn't mess around with too much of this leaden sanctimony. First-time director Forest Whitaker has both a fluid visual sense and a musi-

cian's ear for speech rhythms. These let him weave the plot's loose pieces together into a sexy. coherent whole. And his own acting persona is apparent here not only in his work with the cast, but in terms of his personality. In places the film has the same goofball charm of one of Whitaker's own gently self-deprecating per-

Because of the revolving-door nature of the women's love lives, it's crucial to create four likable and sturdy characters at the center. (At a certain point, keeping track of each new guy begins to seem

futile.) Whitaker and his cast manage this well. A surprisingly down-to-earth Whitney Houston plays Savannah, who's new to Phoenix, tough, and still half in love with a married man. The livewire Angela Bassett is Bernadine, a well-to-do wife and mother who learns in the film's opening scenes that her husband is leaving her for a white woman.

Robin (Lela Rochon), meanwhile, is a cutie-pie airhead who starts up with a different man almost every week. And Gloria (Loretta Devine) has a 17-yearold son, a hairdressing salon, and a weakness for fried chicken. McMillan and Bass's script swings between the four of them, and in this way keeps the action lively, for at least the first half.

But at two hours and a minute, Waiting to Exhale is definitely too long. The episodic nature of the outline, slick veg-out quality of the photography and genial shallowness of the characters would be better enjoyed in one quick, glossy shot than in the film's present dragged-out form.

Time flies for new music fest

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The music and the venue will be Israeli, but the announcement came from the American Midwest.

Speaking via satellite from Chicago, composer Shulamit Ran announced last week the inauguration of a biennial music festival. Tempus Pugit, that will take place at the Tel Aviv Museum from March 18 to 21.

The Israeli composer noted that her major aim is "to give this festival an Israeli look.

"A third of this festival is Israeli. Twenty of the 53 compositions that will be performed were written by 16 Israeli composers."

She asserts that the festival's other goal is "to provide contemporary music a chance to survive after today and into the future. It is only for the performers to do that, and the audience, too, of course. Only through musicians who really care for the music of our time does this music stand a chance.'

Ran, a Pulitzer Prize winner and the composer in residence of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, teaches at the University of Chicago yet maintains a connec-

tion with Israel. Ran was not ready to predict the possible commercial success of this new venture and whether local music lovers will actually show any interest in it.

"This is a question with no answer. But the classical music of our time really suffers and the time has come to change that."

Tempus Fugit will feature 20 different events in four days, most of which are no longer than one hour. Among the numerous musicians from abroad coming to the festival are the Arditti String Quartet, the Peabody Trio, clarinetist Charlie Neidich, and soprano Phyllis Bryn-Julson.

I follow the sun,' says tap-dancer

oofer Will Gaines hates the cold. Back in 1963, when the William Morris agency told him that that he had a nightclub gig in London, the American told them "no way. I don't want to go. It's too cold over there.

"I got off the plane and I was wearing a suit, long johns, an overcoat, a scarf, gloves, and a hat, and you know what, they had a heat wave over there." He's since hung his bat in

England, permanently. He wanted to come here in the '60s, he says over the phone from his agent's office in London, "to get some of that good sunshine you have there," but it didn't work out. However, he's finally coming to appear with Gilad Atzmon and his band in the sixth Jazz, Blues and Videotape Festival at the Tel Aviv Cinematheque from February 22 to 24.

The band will play bebop, and instead of percussion Gaines will tap up a storm. That's how he started: dancing to belop in a Detroit nightclub called The Frolic Showbar in 1948.

Born in Baltimore in 1928, Gaines grew up in Detroit, where he started to tap at an early age. He also began entering neighborhood competitions and winning "a couple of dollars. I didn't think about being a tap dancer, it was just a way to make money.

At the Frolic, "they had an amateur competition every week, and one week I won it. The prize was HELEN KAYE

\$50 and a week's work. But the owner, he liked me, and he kept me on for 13 weeks. The drummer was Babe Waters and he knew that I didn't know what I was doing, that I didn't know how to count. I listened for the melody, and there it was, every show, three shows a night and six on Saturday.'

When the Frolic Showbar closed, its owner got the boy an agent. Pretty soon he was tapping in nightclubs throughout the Midwest and "Babe Waters would call ahead and tell the drummer I didn't know how to count but that I could learn the melody." Pretty soon, Gaines went to

New York and all through the '50s he was the opener for the biggest names in show business like Duke Ellington, Sara Vaughn, Charlie "Bird" Parker, Ella Fitzgerald and Lionel Hampton. The high spot of his career, and his big break, came "when I did the last live show ever with Cab Calloway at the Harlem Cotton Club."

Gaines then went solo, making a name for himself in the clubs, and one day Ed Sullivan wanted him on his enormously popular variety show, "but I didn't like TV," Gaines says. "You make a mistake and a million people see you. So I went to the studio and went out again the back way. When the William Morris people [Gaines's agent] called and said, 'Did you go to Ed Sullivan?' I said, 'Yes, I was there."

He nearly refused a gig at the London Palladium for the same reason, but appeared there when he discovered that "white folks got rhythm after all. Jack Pamell's band played with Count Basie and Duke Ellington when they were there."

He has lived in England since, performing regularly at jazz clubs and nightclubs all over Europe. He danced for Princess Margaret in a command performance at Covent Garden. He danced at St. Paul's Cathedral in Ellington's Sacred Concerts. He has even gotten used to the cold, but with snowdrifts piling up all over Europe this week, "I'm looking forward to the sunshine."

It only took 10 years, but trumpet disc is finally completed

Trumpet player and amateur athlete Ilan Eshed has run in many marathons, but none has taken him as long as his most recent race.

Ten years after the project began, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra musician is about to release A Dance with a Trumpet, a CD of light classical arrangements on the

Helicon label It is a trophy at least as precious as the silver medal he was awarded in his age category from the most recent Eilat Triathion. "Now at home I have two display shelves. One includes trumpet mouthpieces and the other showcases sport

Record-label founder Roni Brown had strong ideas about the project from the start. "He wanted to combine two opposing poles. He suggested that I meet with the best rock-and-roll musicians around, some of whom probably never even heard about Bach, and he said that they would provide the contemporary arrangements."

The first musician he worked with was a young Israeli returning home after studies in the US by the name of Rami Kleinstein. "We worked together and he did some very lynical arrangements for me. I remember that in the first recording sessions there was this soldier who hung around the studio. Later she became Rita. Rami put all his energy into her career, so my disc

was frozen." Eshed got an unexpected boost during the Gulf War when the IPO wasn't working much, giving him

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

time to devote to the recording. "So for me when the cannons were firing the muse was working full

The producers opted for more dance-style arrangements. Eventually I worked with Yehoshua Ben-Yehoshua who arrived from the US and inaugurated a huge recording studio here. We finished the work and I was thrilled that I did it, but nothing materialized. I almost forgot about it until suddenly Helicon showed

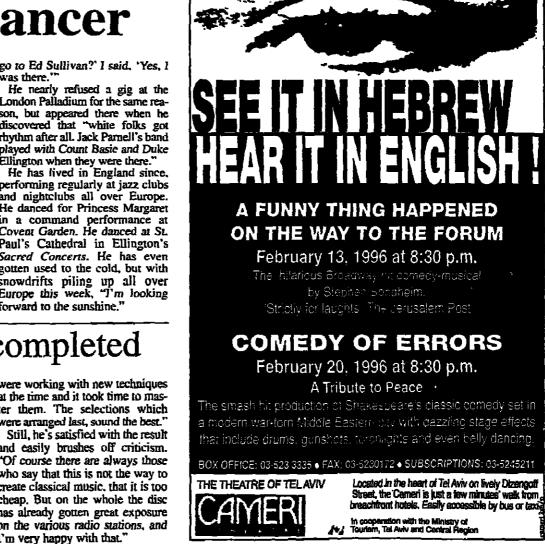
renewed interest." Eshed is very happy with the disc, which features operatic chestnuts by Saint-Saens, Verdi. Donizetti, Bizet and Mozart side by side with selections by Vivaldi,

Bach and others in arrangements for acoustic pumpet with what he describes as "contemporary electronic material.

There is talk about shooting a videoclip to help market the disc, using the exotic Bacchanalia from Saint-Saens's Samson et Dalila and shooting it with authentic belly

Eshed concedes that not all the arrangements in the disc are exceptional. "Some are rather bland. We were working with new techniques at the time and it took time to master them. The selections which were arranged last, sound the best."

and easily brushes off criticism. "Of course there are always those who say that this is not the way to create classical music, that it is too cheap. But on the whole the disc has already gotten great exposure on the various radio stations, and I'm very happy with that."



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The first fusillades

RIME Minister Shimon Peres made it official last night: the elections will be held early, probably on May 28. And for the first time in Israel's history the electorate will be faced not with a supermarket of choices but with the need to decide between two candidates for prime minister.

Some aspects of the direct election for the premiership may be troublesome. Not least of these is that Arab voters, who represent more than 15 percent of the population, may determine the winner by voting en bloc. That a community which clearly empathizes with the Palestinians should affect the country's destiny is as anomalous as it is risky. But the new system should teach the Israeli electorate that political fragmentation is not preordained, and that overcoming minor differences to unite behind a central idea can lead to efficient and stable government.

Though popularly elected, the prime minister will need a Knesset coalition to be able to rule. But his personal mandate will make his authority greater than that of any of his predecessors, and he will be freer to implement his policies.

Yet it is not the dramatic innovation in the system of government which makes this election perhaps the most fateful in the nation's history. There has never been a time in which the stakes were higher and the differences between the two main parties more pronounced. Given these differences, it would have been nice had the contenders made their positions clear and their plans lucid. Unfortunately, both sides are guilty of obfuscation.

If Peres's presentation yesterday is an indication of the line he intends to follow, the public will know almost nothing about his program. Peres devoted a sizeable portion of his speech to recapitulating in detail the late Yitzhak Rabin's last moments. This not only belied his vow not to exploit the assassination for electoral purposes. It gave the distinct impression that while he may avoid verbal violence in the campaign, he will not eschew a shameless appeal to irrational emotionalism. Counting on the assassination backlash to award him the personal mandate he craves is hardly a sign of responsible leadership.

Peres painted the region's future in glorious colors, but he was less than forthcoming about his plans. Convinced that the Oslo agreements are working, he claimed that even their opponents now accept them. There is, however, a substantial difference between recognizing the reality these agreements have created and accepting them as beneficial for Israel.

Nor can Peres's assurances about the waning of terrorism be taken too seriously. The lull in terrorist activity is described by the intelligence community as a temporary stratagem intended to last only until after the elections. And the massive, belligerent Palestinian participation in the Yihye Ayyash commemoration in Nablus over the weekend tends to confirm that Peres's assurances may be premature.

All commentators have praised Peres's cunning in announcing that the Golan issue will be submitted to a referendum following the election whenever an agreement with Syria is reached. This enables those who oppose the retreat from the Golan - according to polls a large majority of the population - to vote for Labor confident that they can still oppose the withdrawal in a referendum.

But it is doubtful that there are Israelis who believe that a Labor government will not relinquish the whole Golan in exchange for a peace treaty. It would enhance Peres's credibility if. having told the Syrians that he is ready to withdraw from the Golan, he will also say so to the Israeli electorate.

Nor is there any doubt that Peres, for all his hawkish talk about Jerusalem's integrity, has approved of Oslo-like negotiations on the city's future, and that a "compromise" to divide the city will be reached if he is elected. This, too, may be a price Israelis are willing to meet in return for the promise of permanent regional peace. But the public deserves an honest appraisal of the price it is expected to pay for this

Above all, Peres has yet to tell the electorate how he aims to reconcile the inevitable consequence of the Oslo process - the establishment of a PLO/Hamas state abutting Israel - with the country's security requirements.

Regrettably, his opponent Binyamin Netanyaha has been just as evasive and murky in presenting the opposition's case. What the public wants from a challenger is not bland assurances but a blueprint of what he intends to do if and when he assumes power. Such an account is even more pertinent when the opposition claims that the facts created by the current government are mortally dangerous to the country's security.

The question is not whether the opposition will "accept" these accomplished facts - that it will not start a war to reverse them should be taken for granted - but what precisely it intends to do about containing them. The public would like to hear not only that a government under Netanyahu's leadership is committed to keeping the Golan, preserving Jerusalem's unified status and making peace, but how he intends to bring all this about.

Last night both candidates promised to conduct a clean, civilized campaign. But it is also imperative that at this crossroad in the nation's history the campaign contain a frank and honest debate over the fateful national issues. Anything less will be an insult to the voters' intelli-

Deputy Education Minister Micha

Goldman on January 12, we now

understand one of the reasons the

schools are in the mess they're in: if

the deputy minister can't do simple

arithmetic, how can we expect more

from the teachers and pupils? Those

of us Israelis who have returned

home know that our children were in

school 35 hours each week, out of

which 30, or about 85 percent, were

instructional hours, just as Goldman

said. But here in Israel my children

are in elementary school not until

two o'clock as the deputy minister

stated is the average, but only until

12:45 (11:45 on Fridays), and I live

in what is considered an upper-in-

come neighborhood. Five days at

4.75 hours and one at 3.75 equal a



HANDS ACROSS THE CONTINENT

Dreams and doubts

Since assuming the role of prime minister, Shimon Peres has abandoned nearly every tenet of Israeli policy vis-avis the Golan. Not only has Israel's strategy shifted, introducing a "new approach" to the negotiations; its leaders have declared their intention to offer Hafez Assad a deal he "can't refuse" code words for complete Israeli withdrawal. Israel has even expressed a readiness to compromise on the heretofore non-negotiable demand for Israeli-manned early warning stations.

Going against every negotiating rule, Peres has announced not Israel's opening position, but its final negotiating stance - leaving very little to give when the actual negotiations begin.

The mandate for Peres's policies must have originated in his dreams, because the Israeli people have rejected the idea of abandoning the Golan. Labor's platfe m during the last elections - on which the nation elected Rabin, and to which Peres is still morally bound - clearly states that the Labor Party sees withdrawai from the Golan as a security danger.

Why have we changed our strategy? Whence the new confidence that the Syrian government is prepared to make peace with us?

Our northern border is still harassed by Hizbullah, whose attacks are sponsored (or at least acquiesced in) by Syria. Official Syrian declarations are at best inconsistent.

The only "concession" by Damascus has been to agree to restart negotiations (so they can hear more about our concessions); and for all our optimism over the talks in Maryland, the only true advance has been that the Syrians are now willing to allow us to fold AVIGDOR KAHALANI

completely before their very eyes. Syria is making unrealistic and impractical demands, and insisting on them in the knowledge that we are more eager than they, and that we will eventually comply. Our leaders have all but confirmed this. And yet Assad is making these demands at a time when the Syrians are most vulnerable.

Politically isolated, effectively stripped of their peace veto (the Palestinians and Jordanians went ahead without them), militarily exposed and economically depressed, the Syrians need peace with Israel far more than Israel needs peace with Syria.

Still, Peres tells President Clinton that Syria is the key to

The benefits of peace with Syria do not offset the risks

regional peace - an absurd declaration that has served only to neutralize Syria's shortcomings and guarantee greater American pressure on Israel to compromise.

Talk about dreams... Assad

couldn't have dreamed of a more helpful Israeli approach - nor for a more naive negotiating partner. LET'S make one point perfectly

clear: Complete Israeli withdrawal from the Golan is a strategic and political error.

The Syrian front is unlike the Egyptian front, with the vast. demilitarized Sinai serving as an effective buffer. The risk of a Syrian assault on an Israel without the Golan - even if dramatically reduced by the effects and mood of the peace agreement - remains unacceptably high. And the instability of the Syrian regime, with no known clear successor to

Assad, increases the risk further. Those who declare that territory is less important in the missile age are misleading the public. Nations are conquered with tanks and infantry, and land is an essential asset in the defense of our country.

Simply stated, the benefits of peace with Syria do not offset the risks of peace. And this being the case, we ought to be making it clear to the Syrians that we are more than willing to continue with the status quo until such time as they find it in their interests to be more flexible.

Which brings us to the rush toward an agreement.

The government's hasty approach is designed to present the electorate with a de facto agreement - an offer Peres is betting we won't be able to refuse. (The last instance of such government-sponsored аттодалсе brought this country as close to the brink of military defeat as we have ever known.)

Armed with a powerful tool for quelling dissent (their actions are presented as being a continuance of our fallen leader's policies), and secure in the knowledge that Israelis will find it hard to say no to an agreement already reached, the government pushes on, certain that it has a monopoly on the

We all want peace. It has been our dream ever since we were forced to fight for our place in the sun. But dreams cannot be imposed on an unwilling reality. That's the stuff of nightmares.

The writer is head of The Third

War I, hoping all of Ireland would follow them in revolt against

British rule. But they died under

British cannon fire or were hanged

afterwards, and there was no mass

What happened, instead, is that

"A terrible beauty is born,"

1921 the parts of Ireland

the "gunman" was canonized in

Irish literature and mythology as

the epitome of romantic national-

said Years, but the aftermath was

much more terrible than beauti-

with a Catholic majority had won

independence from Britain. But

the gunmen of the IRA then

fought a two-year civil war

against their own government for

making a deal that did not force

London to compel the Protestants

of the north to accept Dublin's

The IRA has been illegal in the

Irish Republic ever since, but the

myth of the gumman still has a

powerful grip on many Irish minds. In the North, where the

Catholic minority had no

prospect of ever winning its goal

of unification with the Catholic

south by democratic means, its

appeal was particularly seduc-

tive. But the results have been -

After 25 years of "armed strug-

gle," the IRA seemed to reach that

conclusion itself in 1994. It was

being contained at a cost in money

and lives that Britain could easily

go on paying forever, and there

was no reason to believe that

would change. So a unilateral

cease-fire at least offered it some

Those brought up in the mythol-

ogy of the gumman despise such

crass political calculations, and

for the moment they have won

over their IRA colleagues. But the

new violence may not last very

long, and it certainly isn't going to

rule too.

well, terrible.

political credit.

get them anywhere.

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

reveral years ago the mayor of one of the cities in the vicinity of Tel Aviv complained that the Haifa skyline had been mined by a mosque which had been constructed in the city's Kababir neighborhood on Mount Carmel.

What offended the mayor who had apparently solved all the problems of ugly architecture in his own city - was the fact that the mosque had two minarets.

Since the mayor argued at the time that his comment sprang from purely esthetic considerations, and had no racial connotations, I have been expecting to hear his loud cry of outrage at the sight of the monstrosity that has gone up on the southern outskirts of Haifa, where the Hayat Beach used to be.

But alas, there has been not a

mumur. For most Haifaites who lived in the city in the '40s, '50s and '60s, Hayat Beach (which used to be

I'm not a destructive person. But I couldn't banish this fantasy

owned by a wealthy Arab family that escaped the city during the War of Independence) holds many fond memories.

Before they became aware of the dangers of skin cancer, everyone who was anyone in the city used to spend long stretches of the summer months enjoying themselves on this well-maintained beach.

Sometime in the course of the 60s all the structures along the beach were torn down, and it was announced that some fancy project would go up in their place.

Almost 30 years went by, and nothing happened. Then, one fine day, things started to move.
What has been constructed is

an enormous apartment building, with a view of the sea on one side and Mount Carmel on the

The apartments - with their admittedly scenic views - are the average Israeli. But this vast chunk of concrete adjacent to the beach on one side and audging the main road and the Haifa-Tel Aviv railway line on the other is so off-putting that I cannot imagine anyone with with any sort of esthetic sense choosing to live

MY OWN reaction every time I pass the site on my way into Haifa is a feeling of decided nausea, but until recently I couldn't quite pinpoint the reason for its

Then, several weeks ago, I understood.

I was visiting London a while ago, and went to see an exhibition entitled "Art and Power" at the Hayward Gallery. The exhibition portrayed the art and architecture of Stalin's Soviet Union, Mussolini's Italy, Hitler's Germany, and Franco's

In addition to these dictators stifling what they regarded as "decadent" art, they were also all engaged in grandiose architectural projects, with the idea that they would constitute lasting monuments to themselves.

I was taking in the exhibit when it suddenly came to me that the giant building at Hayat Beach in Haifa would have fitted perfectly into any one of the daunting projects on show in Loudon.

If my memory doesn't fail me, the edifice it most resembles is the Commissariat for Industry, planned (but never actually constructed) by Stalin.

Presumably all the Haifa planning authorities gave their go-ahead for the building. What I cannot understand is how; and I hate to think why."

I know the chances of the building disappearing overnight are nil, but I have a dream, and it_ harmts me

Remember the opening of the TV series NYPD? There's a shot of this enormous apartment building, one of those put up during the '60s in New York City, perhaps as part of an ill-conceived sium clearance project. Then you see the building being tom down, collapsing in seconds into a pile of rubble.

Now I don't normally like to see destruction of any kind. But I cannot rid myself of the fanstasy that one day soon, before anyone has a chance to illove mio the Haifa monstrosity, it will suf-

for the same fate. The writer is a political strentist

The writer is a London-based

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE MESSENGER

Sir, - In her comment column of January 26, Judy Siegel-Itzkovich does not seem to understand where the problem exists regarding the stigmatization of Ethiopian immigrants. The problem does not lie with Ronel Fisher revealing that most blood donations by Ethiopian Jewish immigrants are destroyed. She is blaming the messenger and not the problem. Her advice that the offices of Ma'artv be picketed borders on the ridiculous.

The problem does not exist even in the Ethiopian Jewish community. The problem exists completely with those health officials at the Health Ministry and Magen David Adom who took it upon themselves to take a decision in a rather high-handed manner and without consulting with members of the Ethiopian immigrants in an open and understanding manner their concern about using contaminated blood. I am sure that no one, irrespective

of country of origin, wants to be infected with tainted blood, and it is not beyond reason to believe that had such consultations taken place, the public embarrassment and the stigmatization that occurred might have been avoided. It is a symptom of the malaise of this country that Health Minister Ephraim Sneh does not take responsibility and resign.

ANATOL FELDMAN

Pardesiya.

Health Reporter Judy Siegel-Itzko-

I myself figured out by deduction

WHO'S A JEW Sir, - I refer to Norman Loberthen still be responsible for issuing ant's letter of January 30, "Cynical marriage certificates to those perstand." Perhaps the question for the sons who meet its criteria, whilst the interior minister is not whom he Interior Ministry would also accept should register as a Jew, but why he marriages not carried out with Ministry of Religious Affairs

should register anyone as a Jew. Surely the Interior Ministry should register everyone as "Israeli." If it is necessary to keep a register of Jews, this should be at the Ministry of Religious Affairs. The Ministry of Religious Affairs could Amiad.

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Ethiopian immigrants is disposed of, as international regulations bar the use of blood from high-risk groups; I witnessed donations by Ethiopians, and saw they weren't told their blood would not be used. Anyone could have reached the same conclusion - the health minister included. Unlike Ma'ariv, I chose not to publish it, because to do so would have caused untold harm to the immigrants and bring absolutely no health benefits. A noble, sensitive community, the Ethiopians would have been highly offended if, upon coming to donate blood, they would have received a questionnaire listing Ethiopian immigrants along with drug addicts and homosexuals as high-risk groups who many not donate. Since most Ethiopian blood donations are from soldiers who come as groups, being singled out and told to go home because of their high risk of HIV would have been devastating. There was absolutely no element of racism in MDA's decision. Ethiopian immigrants are no more protected from HIV infection among themselves now that the story is out - but the "scoop" has caused immense, perhaps irreparable harm to the community and its relations with other Israelis, and to Israel's image abroad. The blood controversy, which has lost all pro-

portions in my view, was the spark

that ignited the immigrants anger

lems and fed the political forces in

Isn't this exactly the position of

VICTOR BLOOM

Jews throughout the world?

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mere 27.5 hours weekly, not the 32 that Goldman claims, and only 23 of those, or 83, percent are instructional hours. In the State Religious schools only 72 percent are spent learning because the children start each day with prayers. Furthermore, all elementary teachers in the US must possess at least a bachelor's degree, and free public education is just that - no added fees are allowed to be levied. Maximum class size in most US states is limited to well under 30 pupils, unlike the 41 in cities here.

We who have been complaining that the quality as well as the quantity of the schools in our homeland are substandard have not, it seems, been laboring under false impressions. MK Goldman, as a product of the system, proved that for us beautifully. In his blatant political attempt to convince the religious public that a long-school-day/shortschool-week system benefits them (which it does), he forgot an even larger sector that the Labor Party also needs: working women. The short school day handicaps mothers

KEREN DAVIDOFF Kochav Yair.

far more than any other group in our

EDUCATION IN ISRAEL Sir. - After reading the letter form

the irony is that if it wasn't for the Irish Republican Army, Ireland would be effectively united by now. But you still can't help feeling sorry for poor old Gerry Adams.

Being the spokesman for the Sinn Fein, the IRA's political front, is always a thankless job, for some of the people Adams represents are fanatics be cannot con-

But calling the White House to tell President Bill Clinton that the 17-month cease-fire in Northern Ireland was over - just minutes before a massive IRA bomb exploded in London - must have made Adams wonder about job openings in some less demanding area of public relations.

Faced with a choice between internal division and renewed war, the IRA followed its instincts and went back to bombs. It has lost much of its remaining popular support by breaking the peace. but it still has enough dedicated 'soldiers" to operate at a low level both in England and in Northern Ireland for many years

What it cannot do is escape the basic paradox of its existence. It is an organization consecrated to the cause of a united Ireland and it has become the greatest obstacle to the realization of that

Imagine for a moment that the IRA had not exploited the civil rights struggle of the late '60s in Northern Ireland to relaunch an armed struggle against "British occupation.

The mistreatment of the Catholic minority in the North by the Protestant majority would have been ended even more quickly if the Protestants had not been able to wrap themselves in the British flag. And in 1973, both the United Kingdom and Ireland joined the Common Market (now the European Union).

If there had been no war in Northern Ireland, by now there would now have been 23 years of **GWYNNE DYER**

Sweet, bloody seduction

completely open borders between the Irish Republic and the North. Hundreds of thousands of people would have moved from the Republic to the North and vice

tures would have sprung up, and the old tribal mistrust between Catholics and Protestants would have been greatly eroded. Thanks to the IRA, things are a

All kinds of joint business ven-

bit different. Over 3,000 people are dead, and the inter-Irish border is one of the most heavily guarded in Europe. Mistrust between the two communities in Northern Ireland has never been greater, and the Protestant majority in the North still believes (falsely) that

The powerful myth of the gunman: a 'terrible beauty'

the Irish Republic is a monolithic Catholic juggernaut that would crush them if they abandoned their

YOU couldn't have done a more

effective job of sabotaging Irish

unity if you wanted to. So why does the IRA persist with such a spectacularly unsuccessful strate-Seventy-five years ago the Irish poet W.B. Yeats, writing about the Easter Rising in Dublin in 1916.

penned the lines that have cursed

Ireland ever since: "I write it out in a verse:/ MacDonagh and MacBride/And Connolly and Pearse/Now and in time to be/Wherever green is worn/Are changed, changed unterly:/A terrible beauty is born."

MacDonagh and MacBride and Connolly and Pearse were among the couple of hundred Irish nationalists who seized several central Dublin buildings during World journalist and historian.

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It's Reaganomics, Alive and Irresistible

By DAVID E. ROSENBAUM

MANCRESTER, N.H.

N the minds of voters, the most important distinction between Bob Dole and Steve Forbes may not be that one has been a Washington insider for decades and the other has never held elective office. It may not even be that one must abide by rigid spending limits while the other has a seemingly limitless fortune to spend on his campaign.

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No, as a political matter, the biggest difference between Bob Dole and Steve Forbes may turn out to be their prescriptions for the economy.

The difference comes with the return of what George Bush called "voodoo economics." Mr. Forbes, advocating economic principles that Ronald Reagan used 16 years ago to defeat Mr. Bush for the Republican Presidential nomination, promises a pain-free tax cut. Senator Dole holds the conventional view that lowering the Federal budget deficit is the most crucial step the Government can take, agonizing as it may be.

In Washington and in academic circles, the overwhelming consensus is that Senator Dole's position is the responsible one and that the supply-side theories Mr. Forbes espouses were largely discredited in the 1980's.

But out here on the campaign trail, with the Iowa caucuses tomorrow and the New Hampshire primary in another week, Mr. Forbes is breezing ahead with his advocacy of a flat tax so low that everyone's taxes would be reduced and his precept that Government revenues would increase as a result of the economic boom that would ensue. This theme has proved so popular that he has leapt to the front of the pack and may even be outpacing Senator Dole.

Budget-balancing turned out to be a drag. Forbes led the G.O.P. to happier theories.

It is quite a turnabout in Republican politics, Mr. Forbes began his move in Iowa and New Hampshire just as the Republicans in Congress were shutting down parts of the Federal Government to reinforce their insistence on a balanced budget. So firm was their conviction that the Republicans had conceded that taxes could not be cut as much as they once hoped. For the sake of balancing the budget, they agreed to limit

spending for popular programs like Medicare and

As the public contemplated the price of fiscal rectitude, the Republicans' popularity began to fall. But Newt Gingrich and his disciples stuck by their guns. They shut down the Government twice. Finally, they dragged President Clinton into proposing a seven-year balanced budget himself. Senator Dole, who has spent a political lifetime preaching fiscal discipline, could do

little but march along every painful step of the way.

Then, from nowhere, came Steve Forbes. The dirty secret was revealed that a balanced budget might not be so popular after all. All the other candidates were forced to start talking about reducing taxes.

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Whatever happens in the primary here on Feb. 20, the Republicans have no doubt learned the lesson that a

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The China-and-Taiwan Problem

How Politics Torpedoed Asian Calm

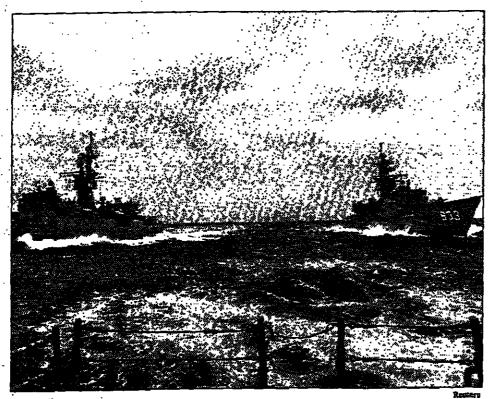
By PATRICK E. TYLER

EN months ago, China and Taiwan were on the verge of opening their seaports to each other's shipping and inaugurating direct air service across the Taiwan Strait for the first time in nearly 50 years of barely suspended civil war. Now suddenly, pistols are drawn and the threat of military confrontation hangs in the air like grenade smoke.

How such a reversal could so suddenly threaten the stability of Asia is a drama in which there are four players, each with its distinctive contribution to the crisis. The first is the Republican Congress, which has spawned the most energetic coalition ever assembled to openly confront China while the second player, the Clinton Administration, has sought "engagement." Congress has promoted independence for Taiwan and Tibet, and it proposes sanctions every time China is found wanting on human rights, nuclear proliferation and the theft of a Mickey Mouse trademark.

Doing Business

Often lost in the American debate on China is the fact that for two decades, the Chinese on the mainland and on Taiwan have been getting richer, doing more business together, negotiating greater cultural exchanges and conducting a broader political dialogue than ever before. Millions of Taiwanese tourists have visited their ancestral homes on the mainland, renewed old acquaintances and forged new ones. An estimated \$20 billion in Taiwan investment has migrated to the mainland's cheap labor



Taiwan frigates in a military exercise as relations with China have deteriorated.

markets and unofficial conversations between Beijing and Taipei became the rule, not the exception.

not the exception.

But instead of nurturing this environment, many in Congress have allied themselves with the political machine of Taiwan's President, Lee Teng-hui, the third player in the piece.

To straddle the divided politics of Taiwan, Mr. Lee has been forced to court Taiwan's pro-independence voters, now thought to be nearly a third of the island's electorate. At the same time, he adheres to the Nationalist Party creed that reunification of China is the ultimate goal. In this schizophrenic environment, Mr. Lee's popularity goes up

every time he strikes a blow for Taiwan's international image; playing the American card has been the key to his strategy. In Washington, his political operatives tap American revulsion for Beijing's repression to enhance Taiwan's leverage in the running dialogue with the mainland.

Armed with Congressional backing, Taiwan has been emboldened by its own success into ever more energetic efforts to increase its leverage, including the now famous trip to Cornell University. To the average American Mr. Lee's trip to upstate New York seemed innocent, even admirable. Wasn't the issue freedom of travel? In fact the trip was part of President Lee's strategy to change the political status of Taiwan. If there needed to be any other reminder, the trip occurred in the same year that Mr. Lee offered the United Nations a \$1 billion gift in an unavailing effort to win a seat there.

Wearing Fig Leaves

President Clinton's abrupt decision in May 1995 to let Mr. Lee visit — a first-of-a-kind trip for a Taiwan leader — nearly ripped away the last shred of the fig leaf put in place when President Richard M. Nixon normalized relations with China. The fig leaf was enshrined in the Shanghai communique of 1972:

"The United States acknowledges that all Chinese on either side of the Taiwan Strait maintain there is but one China and that Taiwan is a part of China. The United States Government does not challenge that position. It reaffirms its interest in a peaceful settlement of the Taiwan question by the

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The perils of peace in

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The Other Campaign

At the U.N., the candidates are off and non-running.

By Barbara Crossette



Two Kingdoms

Germany catches up with the teachings of one of its martyrs.

By Gustav Niebuhr

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The World

In the Truce Line, A Vast New Divide

By CHRIS HEDGES

SARAJEVO, Bosnia and Herzegovina HE 1,000-mile-long demilitarization zone that curves through the snowy Bosnian countryside is more than a testament to the end of the war, at least for now, in the former Yugoslavia. It has also created a new and important fault line for cultural clashes that could define the wars of the next century.
Yugoslavia, and especially Bosnia, has

been where Muslims, Eastern Orthodox and Western-oriented Catholics met and did battle for centuries. All these people are south Slavs (that's what Yugoslavia means) but with the collapse of Communism, the discrediting of fascism and the failure of East European-style liberal democracy here, their cultural differences have become par-

Bosnians have only religious differences to define themselves.

amount. The multi-ethnic fabric that permitted many Bosnians and other Yugoslavs to identify themselves as members of a nation-state rather than an ethnic group has been further weakened by the "ethnic cleansing" of the last four years. And the American-brokered peace plan essentially cements the partition of these ethnic groups inside the new frontiers.

Croatia, which once had a significant Serbian minority, is now almost entirely Catholic. Bosnia has been carved up among the Serbs, the Croats and the Muslims. Ironically, the only real multi-ethnic state left in the former Yugoslavia is Serbia — although its minority groups have no significant political or economic influence.

Each of these new states is now firmly defined by its cultural and religious herit-

age. It is impossible in such states to gain full membership, as in Communist Yugoslavia, on the basis of adherence to an idea. Religion, as in much of the Middle East, defines identity. The Croats, for example, talk of the Croat community in Serbia, by which they mean Serbian Catholics. Only the Muslims have made an effort to preserve the semblance of a multi-ethnic society, but even this effort is waning, as illustrated by the recent resignation of Bosnia's former Prime Minister, Haris Silajdzic, the main champion of cosmopolitan democracy.

Religious Nationalism

The warring factions are all now infected with the same disease, a myopic nationalism defined by religious beritage. Each feeds off the atrocities and excesses of the other. And each needs the other, in a perverse way, to reaffirm its exclusivity. The leaders have no interest in diluting their power by calling for new, more inclusive forms of national identity. It is no accident that each side went out of its way to destroy mosques or churches.

In addition, the new ethnic states within the nominal Bosnian federation are seeking to enter into alliances with outside powers. The Serbs look to the Greeks and Russians, with whom they share a common religious and political experience, having lived under either Ottoman or Czarist rule. The Croats, who were part of the Hapsburg empire and are more economically advanced, look to Germany and America. It is unclear what will happen with the Muslims, but it is not encouraging that the most pronounced strategic clash between a Western and non-Western civilization is being played out behind the scenes in Bosnia.

The Islamic rulers in Iran have shown themselves alert for opportunities to extend their reach, and clearly they see a chance here for a foothold in Europe. So Bosnia has become the modern version of the great game - so much so that a promise that Iranian fighters and military advisers would be sent home was extracted from Bosnia at the Dayton peace negotiations.



states R Round a For Less

Boots and guns outside a Muslim prayer service in Bosanska Krupa in October, after Bosnian Government forces retook the town.

Fifty years ago, in a battle that helped define another era, the Western allies and the Soviets fought for influence in Iran. Now Iran is playing a similar role in Bosnia.

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Will the Muslim-dominated Government here lean more toward Teheran, which sent it weapons and money when the West wouldn't, or toward pro-Western Turkey, a more secular Muslim land that used to rule here and that has troops here now as part of the NATO peacekeeping force? On the most basic level, will the Bosnian Muslims define themselves exclusively by religion and Islamic culture?

The signs are not encouraging. The Bosnian Muslims, like secular Jews in Nazi Germany, have been handed an identity, even if it was not there before, by their persecutors. The attempt to maintain a mixed society saw hundreds of thousands of Muslims driven from their homes and thousands killed. And it was the Muslim radicals from places like Iran who came to aid Bosnia while the West kept an arms embargo.

The Muslims are well aware that the

Iranians will be eager to help long after the NATO troops are gone. The West, the Bosnians have found, can be a fickle partner, and they know the Americans expect to pull out after one year.

Civilizations Differ

Add to this the notion that civilizations really are different. The "universal values" promoted by the West are seen by many non-Westerners as a form of cultural imperialism. However much the Bosnian Government once pleaded for Western arms on the basis of its own cosmopolitanism, the fact is that it has been reduced to exercising authority almost exclusively over Muslims. And many of Bosnia's Muslims, like many Eastern Orthodox Christians, do not embrace such ideas as individualism and the separation of church and state. So there are at least the seeds of distaste for Western influence here - one thing that the disenchanted Bosnian Muslims and the Bosnian Serbs, who feel totally misunderstood by the

West, have in common.

On the sidelines, for now, are the Serbs. They were defeated in the last round, but may not be entirely cowed, as shown by their severing of contacts with NATO last week. Historically the Serbs have been the shock troops employed to battle the Ottoman hordes from the East, and they assume that in the years ahead they will resume that role. The possibility that there would be an overtly Islamic state in Europe, allied with Iran, is one of the main reasons the French opposed the establishment of Bosnia

The battle along this new fault line may for now be a cold one, with all sides held at bay by foreign troops and by a mutual reluctance to resume the devastation of war. But it would be foolish to think that fighting could not begin again. The nature and timing of such a conflict is yet undefined, but the geographical location is set. It runs on rutted dirt tracks that are patrolled by the nearly 60,000 NATO-led troops who put the zone in place.

U.N. Election Fever

Ready. Set. Don't Run!

By BARBARA CROSSETTE

UNITED NATIONS N a season of Presidential primaries and caucuses, hard-hitting television spots, raucous bus convoys, pancake breakfasts and snowbound photo-ops, it is easy to miss the other election of 1996.

In this election, most candidates won't even announce they are running. Nearly all the campaigning, or non-campaigning, will go on behind closed doors. More than likely, the winner will be decided before the voting takes place. There isn't even a date for the election. The prize: the title of Secretary General of the United Nations.

At the end of this year, Boutros Boutros-Ghali will complete a five-year term as the world's top diplomat, crisis administrator and -- some would say - scapegoat. Surprisingly, a lot of people seem to want his job, including him, though he's not saying so.

Waiting for Clinton

To further complicate matters, the renewal of Mr. Boutros-Ghali's term or the selection of a new United Nations Secretary General is a decision that is directly linked to the American Presidential election. Many diplomats here believe that the United States will not make its preference known until after November. Traditionally, when the stakes are this high, no one moves in the United Nations until Uncle Sam speaks. But some American officials say that it will only be a matter of weeks before the White House makes the only decision that really matters: whether to invite Mr. Boutros-Ghali to

As for the decision itself, most diplomats and officials here are betting that the Secretary General will stay on, if only by default. The job of finding a successor in the midst of a Presidential race and then selling the new candidate to the world simply would be too much for the Clinton Administration to take on now.

If the Republicans win in November, though, all bets are off. A hostile Republican Administration could create havoc in the final hours of Mr. Boutros-Ghali's first term. Then Europeans might seize the initiative in support of Mr. Boutros-Ghali, forcing the United States to veto or leave the field.

The Secretary Generalship is an oddball job. The United Nations Charter specifies only that the person in that job - "appointed by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Security Council" - shall be the organization's chief administrative officer. In other words, the only powers a Secretary General has are those assigned to him by the General Assembly or Security Council Sometimes the instructions are contradictory. Cut the staff, says one order. Create a new department, says

The Secretary General — who is paid \$286,075 a year (\$193,306 after deductions) and gets a \$25,000 expense allowance, a house on Sutton Place and a car and driver - spends his days preparing reports on current topics for the Security Council, reading volumes of cables from worldwide operations, traveling to mem-



ber countries and talking on the telephone, almost around the clock, with government heads and his envoys in the field.

If the Secretary General tries to strengthen his own image or that of the organization, he draws immediate fire from powerful member nations, most often the United States. He is a leader who is not allowed to lead.

During the cold war, which began not long after the creation of the United Nations, neither the West nor the Soviet bloc wanted a strong Secretary General, and so candidates were chosen for their neutrality: Trygve Lie of Norway, Dag Hammarskjold of Sweden, U Thant of Burma, Kurt Waldheim of Austria and Javier Pérez de Cuéllar of Peru. Mr. Boutros-Ghali, 74, is a former minister of state from Egypt.

The Wannabes

Since the end of the cold war, there has been no debate of significance here or in the capitals of the world about what kind of Secretary General the United Nations needs. But the emergence in recent months of some strong would-be candidates indicates that the time may have come for a more high-profile figure.

Gareth Evans, Australia's Foreign Minister. is in the non-running, as is President Mary Robinson of Ireland. So are Prime Minister Gro Harlem Bruntland of Norway and Juan Somavia, who represents Chile at the United Nations and has been active in trying to steer the organization toward more global social issues. Two Africans are often mentioned: Kofi Annan of Ghana, an insider who has headed United Nations peacekeeping operations, and Richard Goldstone of South Africa, who is now chief justice of the international War Crimes Tribunal on the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. Sadako Ogata, the Japanese scholar who is the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, would get enthusiastic backing, though she seems not to be interested.

By unspoken tradition, a Secretary General has never been chosen from among the five permanent members of the Security Council: the United States, Britain, China, France and Russia. Otherwise, would this be the place for Jimmy Carter, an ex-President with a growing record in international diplomacy, or Andrei Kozyrev, who recently resigned as Russia's Foreign Minister?

Sir Brian Urquhart, who worked for the U.N. for four decades before retiring as an Under Secretary General in 1986, says the world never had a better opportunity to invent a new process for finding a Secretary General. "Either this is an important job or it isn't," he said. "But the permanent security council members who control this thing have to be forthright about what they really want."

How Politics Killed Asian Calm

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Chinese themselves." This simple statement, and China's consent to it. shelved the Taiwan problem, and allowed the United States to safely begin removing its military forces from the island. Thus the Taiwan question moved from belligerency to political deferral. Taiwan could take charge of its own destiny. It could walk, talk and act like a country and America would switch its diplomatic recognition to Beijing.

Even though it was a cold war instrument that put Beijing and Washington in common cause against Soviet expansion, the Shanghai communiqué ushered in the long-est period of Asian peace and stability in this century and made it possi-ble for Asia's vibrant new economies to emerge.

The latter-day strategies of Lee Teng-hui to enlarge Taiwan's political identity have attracted sympathy because of the actions of the fourth player in the drama, the Communist Party leadership in Beijing. Nothing has energized Taiwan's determination to stay separated from the mainland as much as the mainland's totalitarian ways. Since the Tiananmen massacres of 1989, Taiwanese have asked themselves why anyone would want to reunify with a government that disparages the very sort of democracy they have

cultivated. As Taiwan has sought protection against the unwanted advances of an increasingly brittle Chinese leadership, those advances have become all the more insistent. A new generation of Chinese leaders, none of whom possesses the vision or selfconfidence that Deng Xiaoping showed in his prime, has seized on reunification with Taiwan as a kind of manifest destiny and as a means to tap the latent nationalism of the military, the party and of many ordinary Chinese.

A Temptation

Many Americans are now tempted to enter this fray on the side of Talwan, to pursue confrontation or containment of the mainland. After all, why continue to sacrifice American ideals on human rights, democracy, trade and proliferation of miclear poison to a set of outdated cold war agreements? Hasn't the Shanghai communiqué been overtaken by the reality of Taiwan's flowering as a powerhouse economy and a robust culture that every day disproves the silly notion that respect for law and human rights cannot coexist with the Asian tradition?

But this also is a trap for America, which spent much of the 1950's and 1960's in full battle dress, with American troops and nuclear weapons stationed on Taiwan and, still, Beijing never changed. The Shanghai communiqué allowed everyone to put away the guns. The strategic weight of China as a foil against the Soviet Union may be gone, but it has been displaced by China's strategic weight as an Asian power whose political evolution is somewhere on the horizon. So all of Asia has a stake in a stable outcome.

The China-Taiwan dispute is a suspended civil war, easily as complicated as Bosnia and much grander in scale. If President Clinton speaks bluntly to Beijing and underscores

If this suspended civil war resumes, nobody would win.

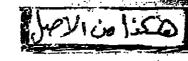
his bluntness with a display of American military resolve, that runs the risk of inciting Taiwan's independence movement even further.

And then it would be easy for Taiwan to openly declare greater autonomy or outright independence. China specialists who travel to both sides of the Strait fear that such a spiral could lead to war.

On the other hand, the United States could speak about the benefits to both Beijing and Taipei of stepping back, giving up any notion that either side can end a 46-year estrangement through unilateral actions, whether those actions are military (in Beijing's case) or political (in Taiwan's case).

If war comes, China's antiquated military would certainly come out the loser, but this is hardly the point. As irrational as it seems, the prospect of losing is not likely to deter the People's Liberation Army. Its logic rests on the belief that China is willing to make a greater sacrifice, suffer more destruction than America or Taiwan, in order to prevail on a fundamental issue of sovereignty. There would be no winners in a clash of such magnitude.

And it is worth remembering that. while China is now ruled by faceless and unimaginative Communist bureaucrats, it is populated by 1.2 bitlion Chinese, most of whom look up to America and hope that America will help them, not confront or contain them, in their quest to join the developed world: "



The Nation

States Rally Round a Cry For Less

By CLIFFORD J. LEVY

HE governors who came up with a compromise last week to try to resolve the Federal budget impasse were not on a humanitarian mission to bring peace to Washington by pulling combatants from the Capitol's mud-wrestling pits. The governors' goal was power: to gain freedom from longstanding rules that tightly restrict how they can spend Federal money on welfare and other programs.

But many of them are interested in more than just loosening the reins from Washington. They are also proposing to hand over some of that control to localities, the grunts of government. Counties and cities have long administered programs from Washington but rarely have had much role in shaping them. Such a change would further a growing movement to push authority over social policy closer to the people those policies are intended to benefit.

Power to the Counties

"One of the things that the Governor has said time and time again is that we are not asking for devolution in order to transfer power back to the state capital," said John Truscott, spokesman for Gov. John M. Engler of Michigan, a Republican and a leader in revamping welfare. "We want to get it down to the counties."

The far-reaching changes backed by governors like Mr. Engler and George E. Pataki of New York would do away with a model for social programs from the 1930's. Grants of money, packaged with regulations, descend from the highest ranks of government to the lowest, with each level adding rules before passing on the funds. Also, anyone who meets certain requirements can receive assistance. Such rules are a legacy of an era when Federal officials believed that their state and local counterparts abused their authority.

Advocates for the poor are raising those fears again as the new plans evolve. They say the declarations of war on the old policy model, which are accom-panied by homages to the wisdom of local officials and attacks on Washington bureaucrats, obscure a knot of questions. Are localities that are more accustomed to fixing traffic lights going to be able to master the dauntingly complex issues of social policy? With shrinking budgets, will there be enough oversight?

With fewer dollars coming from Washington, the real issue becomes local power.

Should states guarantee some minimum level of services? Would localities divert money intended for poor people to politically adept constituents?

Just as important, are these plans to fragment authority another way to shirk responsibility for deep budget cuts? Governments are under pressure to cut welfare and Medicaid, which are jointly financed by the Federal, state and, in some cases, local governments.

"It makes sense to reconsider which government performs which functions and how they are financed," said Steven D. Gold, a senior fellow at the Urban Institute. "But that should be decided on the basis of a careful consideration of what the effects are of different arrangements. It shouldn't be fiscally driven."

Under the governors' plan, approved unanimously at a meeting of the National Governors' Association in Washington last week, the Federal Government would cut billions of dollars and turn its allocations for welfare and Medicaid into lump-sum payments called block grants. The states, which until now have been granted dozens of waivers from Federal regulations but on a case by case basis, would have less money but more flexibility because many rules would be abolished. They could then do the same to their localities: cut funds but give them more leeway.

Many state officials insist money is not propelling devolution. When counties help design the rules, they can better adapt the programs to their areas, saving money and helping more people, officials say. That is an argument advanced by Mr. Pataki, who has called for the most sweeping devolution of any governor yet, proposing that New York give block grants to its counties for Medicaid, mental health and welfare.

The Specter of Mini-Bureaucracles

But some critics wonder whether decentralization will create mini-bureaucracies. New York City's effort to decentralize its huge school system, for example, led to community school districts often criticized as bastions of mismanagement and patronage.

The states maintain that they will continue to monitor their counties despite shrinking budgets and fewer watchdogs. The difference, officials say, is that they are now more focused on whether a mother on welfare gets and keeps a job, rather than whether specific rules were followed in helping her.

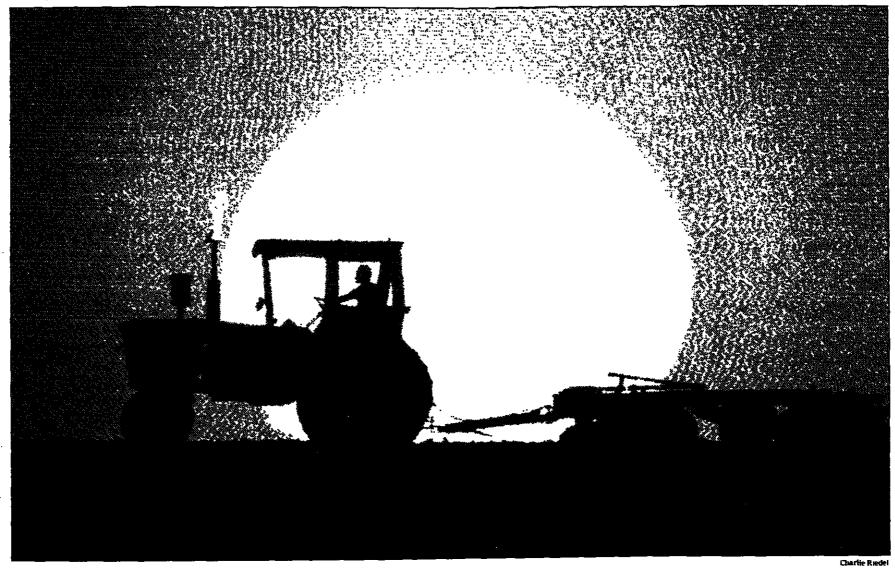
We care about the outcome, not necessarily if you cross the 't' and dot the 'i' exactly the same way in every county," said Michael L. Thurmond, who oversees welfare programs for Gov. Zell Miller of Georgia, a Democrat. "The outcome becomes more important than the process."

Governors are quick to imitate each other's policies, so the movement toward more local control is likely to pick up steam - at least, perhaps, until a scandal somewhere raises concerns about accountabil-

ity. Then power might swing back. That happened during the Depression; many states asked Washington to take over relief programs intended to help the unemployed. Back then, few talked of how local officials were more in touch with program recipients and therefore the best administrators.

To some policy experts, the shift shows the cyclical nature of the debate. When politicians become frustrat-

ed with programs, they revamp them. "Over the course of the last 65 or 70 years, we have had a back and forth about what is the nature of the Federal role and what are the financing arrangements that best carry out that role," said Linda Wolf, deputy director of the American Public Welfare Association, a bipartisan group representing social service agencies. "But trying to think of what the right intergovernmental relationships are has less to do with words like practical than it has to do with words like politics."



The new legislation would phase out subsidies for most grain farmers, like the one above in Gove County, Kan., home state of Bob Dole.

Old MacDonald Has a New Policy

Sowing Confusion on the Farm

By BARNABY J. FEDER

HE universe, the British scientist J. B. S. Haldane once said, is "not only queerer than we suppose but queerer than we can suppose." The same could be said of American farm policy. Thus, even though the Senate last week took its most aggressive swipe in decades at streamlining the morass of law and regulation affecting American

agriculture, only politicians on the campaign trail claim to be certain what was accomplished. "This is really a historic change," said Senator Bob Dole of Kansas. "Farmers will finally plant for the

market and not for the Government." The bill passed after weeks of negotiation, in which Republicans who believe it will create a freer market extended the food stamp program and included enough environmental-protection provisions to conrince many urban Democrats to join them.

The 500-page bill is still being scrutinized, but skeptics are already pronouncing it hopelessly flawed. 'This is the status quo in revolutionary drag," said Kenneth Cook, head of the Environmental Working Group, a Washington think tank that has been a

leading critic of farm subsidies. Broadly speaking, the Senate proposes to end farmers' reliance on subsidies that cost taxpayers billions of dollars a year. At the same time, the Senate promises to wipe out regulations that, according to backers of the legislation, tell farmers what, when and where to plant. The theory is that giving farmers "freedom to farm" will make them more productive and wealthier than the Government subsidies ever did.

7-Year Cushion

In return for eliminating the current subsidies, the Senate is offering transition payments over a sevenyear period. The payments are to help farmers prepare for the perils of a freer market in which bigger swings in prices are likely.

As it turns out, the transition payments would begin at a time when grain and fiber markets are so tight - and prices so high - that the payments could

initially top what farmers would have received in the current programs. Unlike the transition payments, those programs are designed to pay most when times are hardest.

"It's like giving a signing bonus to people already a welfare program," said Mr. Cook.

More important, the welfare program was not killed but given a seven-year timeout. In 2002, a particularly expensive version of the current programs would be activated unless Congress votes to complete the transition to unsubsidized markets.

Of course, even without the "freedom to farm" bill, farmers are free by any common-sense definition.

A Senate bill represents a giant step, but nobody is sure in what direction.

The support programs that the Senate wants to end cover six crops: corn, wheat, cotton, rice, sorghum and oats. Farmers who don't like the regulations imposed over the years as the price of eligibility for the subsidies can grow those crops any way they want, and forgo the subsidies, or they can grow something else. Indeed, about 70 percent of the roughly \$180 billion in total revenue received by the nation's farmers each year comes from crops and livestock outside the subsidy programs.

To be sure, the covered crops are important. They account for nearly 75 percent of all planted acres. And other sectors of the agricultural economy, such as livestock, are dependent on them. But when politicians and farmers talk about "freedom to farm," they are really debating the price taxpayers and consumers are willing to pay to promote stability in this part of the farm economy.

The current wisdom is that taxpayers and most farmers would rather take their chances on a free market. Democrats who led the opposition in the

Senate say that today's high prices for crops are distorting assessments of the long-term value of the subsidy "safety net."

The price supports grew out of programs begun in the 1930's to carry growers of major crops through lean years. The goal was not just to help rural America but to assure urban consumers of plentiful supplies and low prices - goals that economists agree have been achieved. But changes in farming have made the price support programs financially unpredictable and politically unbearable.

Since the 1930's, the total number of farmers has plummeted to less than 2 million. The "average" farmer has become a millionaire by some measures if one looks only at the value of their land and machinery. But their debts and the low return on those assets force most to rely on outside jobs to make a living. Just 300,000 full-time farmers account for 80 percent of

oroduction. That puts the Government in a bind. Traditional subsidies have been tied to output - the more a farmer produces, the higher the subsidy when prices are low. Treating all farmers equally keeps big farmers in the program, which helps insure that soil conservation measures and other environmental programs tied to the subsidies are widely applied. It also makes it easier for the Government to reduce total output when stocks are abundant, which then leads to higher prices and lower subsidies the following year.

The politically embarrassing result, though, is that some of the nation's biggest farms get millions of dollars in subsidies. Despite regulatory tinkering to impose limits on what individual farmers could receive, just 2 percent of farmers receiving crop payments from 1985 to 1994 got 27 percent of the nearly \$109 billion paid out, according to one study. At the same time, the more controls the Government imposed, the more farmers began to see the programs as overly complicated and increasingly chintzy - in short, not worth fighting for.

Even if the policy changes in the Senate bill stick, it will barely dent the interlocking array of Government influences over agriculture: trade barriers, water rights, regulation of biotechnology. The list of subjects for more 500-page bills remains formidable.

It's Reaganomics, Alive Again

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free lunch is ever more politically palatable than bitter medicine. And it is a safe bet now that the winner of the Republican Presidential nomination will run on a platform that promises a tax cut.

The centerpiece of the Forbes campaign is his proposal to scrap the existing graduated income tax, with five brackets ranging from 15 percent to nearly 40 percent, and to abolish all deductions and all taxes whatsoever on interest, dividends, capital gains, inheritances and pensions. He would replace all this with a 17 percent tax on corporate profits and on wages and salaries after exempting \$13,000 for each adult and \$5,000 for each child.

The political attraction of the Forbes flat tax is not so much that it is flat as that it is low. In Mr. Forbes's formulation, almost everyone, from multimillionaire investors to families struggling to make ends meet, would get a tax cut.

Senator Dole obviously recognizes this — now. When Mr. Forbes first started to gain notice with his tax plan, the Dole campaign went on television with a commercial arguing, soundly, that a 17 percent flat tax would make it impossible to balance the budget. The Senator continued to slide in the polls, and Mr.

Forbes kept gaining. About 10 days ago, Mr. Dole began broadcasting an ad in which Gov. Stephen Merrill of New Hampshire, national chairman of the Dole campaign, makes the false claim that the Forbes plan would cost the average homeowner an additional \$2,000 a year in taxes. After a few days, some polls suggested that the Dole slide had been arrested.

\$200 Billion Short

How can Mr. Forbes propose to lower everyone's taxes? The answer is that his plan would cost the Government \$200 billion a year in lost revenue, according to calculations by the Treasury Department and private forecasters who use conventional economic



models. For a flat-tax plan to raise as much money as the current tax system does, then it would have to hit most middle-income families with a tax increase hardly a favorable prospect politically.

Mr. Forbes dismisses such calculations as "bogus numbers." His plan, he says, would unleash the economy and create so much growth and personal wealth and corporate profits that the Government would collect more tax revenue than it does under the current

Four elections ago, when Mr. Reagan was making this argument, some respectable economists accepted

Mr. Reagan inherited a deficit (the annual amount by which Government spending exceeds receipts) of \$79 billion in 1981, and he immediately pushed through Congress a 25 percent tax cut over three years. By 1983, the deficit had nearly tripled to \$207 billion, and it reached a high of \$290 billion in 1992.

Because of a strong economy and deficit-cutting measures enacted in 1990 and 1993, the deficit last year was reduced to \$164 billion. But as Herbert Stein, who was chairman of Richard M. Nixon's Council of Economic Advisers, observes, the national debt (the accumulation of all the deficits over the years) is now more than 50 percent of the annual gross domestic product, compared to 27 percent in 1980.

"We could afford Ronald Reagan once," Mr. Stein wrote last week. "We cannot afford him again."

Gary and Aldona Robbins, economic consultants in northern Virginia, are perhaps the economists most bullish about Mr. Forbes's flat-tax plan. They estimate that while deficits might rise in the short run, economic growth would be so strong over the next decade and a half that the budget would be balanced by 2010 without any reductions in spending.

But the Robbinses represent a small minority in their profession. Benjamin M. Friedman, an economist at Harvard, said he does not personally know a single economist now who believes that an across-the-board tax cut would lead to an increase in revenues. And Norman B. Ture, who was Under Secretary of the Treasury and Mr. Robbins's boss in the early Reagan years, said of the Robbinses, "I sometimes am concerned by an enthusiastically favorable set of results

Principles Subverted

Economists like Mr. Ture who advocated the Reagan policies in the 1980's say the deficit exploded largely because the supply-side principles were abandoned Taxes were raised several times after 1981, Government spending was not cut. Neither were Government regulations. The Federal Reserve kept interest rates high. All those policies, they say, worked to inhibit an economic boom.

Nonetheless, few of them now celebrate the glories of cutting taxes the way Mr. Forbes does.

"We have to be dedicated to balancing the budget," said Mr. Ture, who now runs a research center called the Institute for Research on the Economics of Taxation. "I think the proposition that tax reductions lead to revenue increases should be subjected to a great deal of skepticism."

Ideas & Trends

Undoing the Legacy of Nazi Courts

By GUSTAV NIEBUHR

N a famous moment of frustration described in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus, contending with the doubts of his fellow Galileans, declared, "A prophet s not without honor, save in his own country."

For centuries, those words have been used to describe the tribulations of the deserving. But rarely have they seemed so appropriate as they did last week, when a group of Lutheran church members and human rights advocates in Berlin denounced the fact that the Lutheran theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was condemned as a traitor by the Nazi SS court in 1945 for having helped to plot an assassination attempt against Hitler, is still legally a traitor in Germany. (Although the verdicts of Nazi people's courts were declared void a decade ago, that declaration did not cover the SS

The revelation that Bonhoeffer is still legally a traitor struck a chord here and in Germany, because Bonhoeffer is widely considered a Christian martyr. His writings on faith and civic responsibility appeal to people across religious, national and ideological lines.

Public demands for voiding the verdict against Bonhoeffer have been heard for nearly a year. Last April 9, on the 50th anniversary of Bonhoeffer's execution in the Flossenbürg concentration camp, for example, the Lutheran Bishop Wolfgang Huber of Berlin-Brandenburg called for the verdict to be stricken, so the country could publicly acknowledge the unfairness of the Nazi SS courts.

In an interview, Bishop Huber said he would also like to see a move to clear the records of other people convicted by those courts, including Army deserters. "The fact that Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a famous person, and these others are not famous but still alive,"

he said, "does not allow us to concentrate on Dietrich Bonhoeffer alone.

The demand for Bonhoeffer's legal rehabilitation suggests a gradual but profound shift in Germany's theological thought as well as a change in the democratic society that was built on the ashes of Hitler's Reich. It is as if Germany has finally caught up with the political ethics taught by Bonhoeffer.

"It hasn't been too long ago — it's been 25 years — that Bonhoeffer was regarded basically as a traitor by quite a few people of the conservative church establish-

The case of a "traitor" to Hitler suggests a new willingness to face the past.

ment," said Heinrich Bedford-Strohm, a social ethicist at the University of Heidelburg. As recently as the 1970's, Bonhoeffer was seen by many as a man who had violated what was in Germany a foundational Christian teaching: obedience to the state.

This idea may strike many Americans as peculiar, for in this country there is a long history of civil disobedience and considerable sympathy for citizens who choose to follow their religious consciences over the dictates of secular rulers.

During the American Revolution, clergy members served as chaplains in Washington's army while many men in their congregations took up arms against the British crown. Since then, a significant number of American Christians have had little trouble finding peaceful type like that practiced by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., but, occasionally the type characterized by fearsome violence like that of the abolitionist warrior John Brown.

Doctrine of the Two Kingdoms

For centuries, German Protestants read an opposite lesson in their tradition, for which they found justification in the writings of the Reformation leader Martin Luther. "The Reformation tradition among Lutherans is particularly wary of chaos in society, said Larry Rasmussen, a professor of social ethics at Union Theological Seminary in New York, who teaches a course on Bonhoeffer. "Another way of saving this is you don't have a history of Christians being involved in overt resistance to the government in Germany."

Dr. Bedford-Strohm attributes this to generations of Germans taking Martin Luther's "doctrine of the two kingdoms" literally. Luther differentiated between the religious realm of the church, in which Christians are called to follow Jesus's teachings of love, and the political realm of the state, in which law, rather than love, applies. In civic life, according to this doctrine, the Christian is expected to obey government authorities.

Luther did not mean to suggest that rulers possessed an absolute right to do what they pleased without regard to fundamental standards of morality, Dr. Bedford-Strohm said. But, he added, in the 19th century, German theologians elaborated Luther's theory in a way that allowed for such an understanding.

"In that doctrine, bad government and inhuman governments profited," said Dr. Bedford-Strohm. "Hit-

Bonhoeffer's "Letters and Papers from Prison," a posthumously published work still widely available,



The anti-Nazi Dietrich Bonhoeffer in 1940.

includes an essay marking 10 years of resistance to Nazism. What he had learned, he wrote, was that Germans were very good at civil obedience and sacrificing themselves for a larger cause. Where they fell short, he said, was in "the deed of free responsibility," in taking unlawful actions for moral reasons.

Between the 25th anniversary of Bonhoeffer's execution in 1970 and the 50th anniversay last year, the theologian's reputation has risen in Germany. That, Dr. Bedford-Strohm said, is the result of "a more mature attitude of Germans toward democracy," a transformation that has been hastened both by soul-searching among a younger generation of Christians and by the emergence of a civic philosophy of public dissent that is evident not only in the fight for Bonhoeffer's legal rehabilitation but also in the German environmental and anti-nuclear movements. And quite appropriately, this civic philosophy is due, in large part, to Bonhoeffer

"People realized we should stand up for our ideas," Dr. Bedford-Strohm said. "And I think that is something that can never be changed."

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Indians Take On the U.S. In a 90's Battle for Control

By GEORGE JOHNSON

SANTA FE, N.M. **E**ACED with an order last month from the United States Attorney to shut down their casinos, the leaders of some New Mexico Indian tribes responded as adamantly as reigning sovereigns of foreign powers. Unless they are allowed to continue running their lucrative gambling halls, they threatened, New Mexicans might wake up one morning to a nightmarish gridlock: highways crossing Indian land would be closed, including New Mexico's two interstates.

The threat was apparently effective. Late last month a Federal District judge approved an extraordinary deal between the Indians and the Federal Government: Prosecutors agreed to let the casinos stay open until a lawsuit challenging the Federal order has been settled. For their part, the tribes agreed to keep the highways open and to abide by whatever the Federal courts decide.

It almost seemed as though the tribes were being dealt with on an ambassadorial level. But for all their success in staring down the Federal Government, the tribes have been wielding power that is largely illusory. Any special status the tribes enjoy is granted by the will and the whim of Congress in its Constitutional power "to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes." Congress can undercut tribal autonomy anytime it wishes. And it does.

Over the years, Congress's political mood swings have left behind a bewildering legal netherworld: Indians can vote in both Federal and state elections but don't have to pay state income taxes. Tribal courts can try misdemeanors committed on the reservation by Indians (non-Indians are tried in their own courts). But major crimes are tried by Federal judges (or, in a few places, state courts).

A Special Set of Rights

Like other American citizens, Indians have Constitutional rights - as long as they are dealing with the Federal and state governments. But on the reservation, they are covered instead by the Indian Civil

Rights Act of 1968, a kind of truncated version of the Bill of Rights that allows for theocratic governments.

The United States Sunreme Court has ruled that tribes may exclude and expel visitors. Whether this would permit blocking New Mexico highways is far less certain, since the tribes have right-of-way signed agreements. But lawyers are in a quandary over just who - Federal or state officials - would

enforce the agreements. In 1830, without even a fig leaf of euphemism. Congress passed the Indian Removal Act, opening up farmland by herding as many Indians as possible west of the Mississippi. In those days the Office (now the Bureau) of Indian Affairs was part of the War Department. When the agency was moved to the Department of the Interior, in 1848. many tribes felt insulted. They were no longer being treated as nations but as natural resources to be managed on Federal preserves. The next blow came

in 1871, when the Government stopped signing treaties with the tribes, regulating them instead

with statutes, which do not require tribal consent. Under the General Allotment Act of 1887, many reservations were dissolved. Indian lands dwindled from 138 million acres to 48 million acres by 1934, when the Indian Reorganization Act, part of the New Deal, stopped the liquidations.

In the 1950's, the pendulum swung back the other way. Over the next 15 years, Congress abolished more than 100 reservations, redistributing the land to members. In the 1960's this experiment was abandoned and tribes were again given some control over their destiny. These days Congress finds it politically expedient to pay lip service to tribal sovereignty, but it remains very much in control.

Nothing illustrates this so well as the Federal Government's handling of Indian gambling. In 1988, alarmed by a United States Supreme Court decision upholding the right of a California tribe to operate a high-stakes bingo hall without state regulation, Congress passed the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act: In states that already allowed some form of gambling, tribes could open casinos, but first they had to hammer out the details with the state government.

First Bingo, Then Casinos

The tribes in New Mexico drove a hard bargain. Under state charity laws, churches and other nonprofit organizations were allowed to run raffles and bingo games, and twice a year they could hold "Las Vegas night" fund-raisers. This was all the justification Gov. Gary Johnson thought he needed to reward the tribes, heavy supporters of his campaign, with the right to turn the Rio Grande into an elongated gambling strip. In return, the state would get a cut of

Ten tribes quickly opened multimillion-dollar gambling palaces. But the New Mexico Supreme Court, siding with gambling opponents, ruled last summer that Governor Johnson's pacts with the tribes were illegal because they had not been ratified by the legislature. In November the court dealtanother blow to the casinos when it ruled that the state's charity laws did not allow Las Vegas nights. If the churches couldn't run casinos, then, under the Federal gaming act, neither could the tribes.

Tribal lawyers are awaiting the outcome of their lawsuit and lobbying the state legislature to amend the laws and approve the gambling pacts. They are running out of time — the annual session ends this week. Meanwhile, the tribes, many of them deeply in debt from construction costs, are rushing to make as much money as they can.

Late last year, long after the gambling pacts had been declared illegal, the tiny pueblo of San Felipe opened a garish, neon-lit casino on a desolate stretch of highway halfway between Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

in recent weeks, while negotiations were going on, the tribe was busy erecting half a dozen enormous green billboards, blotting out the view of the mountains and the desert. Mounted atop steel poles, the signs have the look of perma-

Even if the new casino is ultimately forced to close, or goes bankrupt competing with the nine other casinos in the state, the ugly monuments will probably remain, reminders of how far, in the delicate relationship between the tribes and the Government, sheer stubbornness can get you.



Billboards may outlast casinos in New Mexico.

City Hall' Enters Maelstrom of Municipal Politics

By BRUCE WEBER

EN LIPPER, New York City's (and maybe the world's) best-connected screenwriter, tells a story about his introduction to the relentiess deal-making that goes on behind the scenes in municipal politics, the milieu of the new film, "City Hall."

The year was 1983, and the scene was a small Italian restaurant in Greenwich Village. Mr. Lipper, just appointed deputy mayor for economic development by Edward L Koch, had been invited to lunch by the legendary party boss of Brooklyn, Meade H. Esposito:

"An absolutely charming man, expansive, sweet, funny, a little wicked. one of the more beguiling people you'd want to meet," says Mr. Lipper, who has been a lawyer, investment banker, philanthropist, chief executive and gazillionaire - not, in other words, someone likely to need a beginner's lesson in anything.

But Esposito saw otherwise. His agenda that day, apparently, was to persuade Mr. Lipper to support a city subsidy for a Brooklyn boat builder, Coastal Dry Dock, which was threatening to leave New York for Alabama unless it received help in paying its electrical bills. But Esposito barely mentioned Coastal, except, Mr. Lipper recalls, for a brief moment of gentle pressure: 'Ken,' he said, 'I'm not telling you what to do, but you should at least go out and meet with them. They're good people, Ken. They're citizens. They pay taxes. You've got to give them an electricity break, or we're going to lose all these jobs to Tusca-

Mr. Lipper says he told Esposito merely that Coastal would be given a fair hearing. Later, when the waitress brought the \$38 check, beyond the \$5 limit on gratuities that officials were allowed to accept, Esposito tried to sign it.

Mr. Lipper picks up the story: "I say, 'You can't pay for that,' and he says, 'O.K., you made your point, Now be courteous. I invited you.' I say, 'That's all well and good, but you can't pay for it.' So he looks up at the waitress, gives the check back and says: 'Put a cutlet in the bag for the wife. The jerk's paying.' "

As a rebuke, it was wry but firm: learn the rules, kid. But Mr. Lipper recalls it as a characteristic moment: "I don't want to give the impression that I'm above anything, but there is no limit to how careful you can be."

That is precisely the lesson in the screenplay Mr. Lipper wrote.

In the film, which opens on Friday and stars Al Pacino as the Mayor of New York, a casual political favor involving a fixed probation report for a mob-related drug dealer is exposed when the dealer is killed in a shootout that also claims the lives of a police officer and a child. Wellintentioned people and substantial lives in public service are destroyed because of back-room deals that seemed harmless when they were

(Although Mr. Lipper's original ideas for the story dominate the film, his actual words do not. Several screenwriters followed him on "City Hall," and Mr. Lipper took the issue of who should get credit to the Writers Guild of America for arbitration. In the end, he prevailed. The credit reads, "Written by Ken Lipper and Paul Schrader & Nicholas Pileggi

and Bo Goldman.")
In addition to Mr. Pacino, the \$45 million film, directed by Harold Becker (whose credits include "Sea of Love"), stars John Cusack as the idealistic Lipper-like Deputy Mayor, Bridget Fonda as a lawyer for the slain police officer's family, Martin Landau as an unfortunate, beleaguered judge, and Danny Aiello as the Brooklyn party boss, based in part on Esposito and in part on Donaid R. Manes, the Queens Borough President who committed suicide after his involvement in a 1988 corruption scandal was revealed.

Mayor Koch has a small role as a television commentator, and Mr. Lipper makes a cameo as the City Council president. The casting is ironic in that Mr. Lipper left the Mayor's office in 1985 after only two years to run for the council presidency (a job now called public advocate) and, after a vitriolic campaign on both sides, was soundly beaten by Andrew Stein.

"This time I got the job by acclaim," says Mr. Lipper, and it's hard not to note that he has himself corrected history in a rare instance over the last 30 years when his confidence — even hubris — has not been rewarded with success.

Ken Lipper, the second son of a Bronx shoe salesman, won a full scholarship to Columbia, graduated from Harvard Law School, changed careers after six months as a lawyer, earning a partnership at the Lehman Brothers investment bank at age 31, and, in 1976, moved to Salomon Brothers, quadrupling his

Living in the upper echelons of power, Mr. Lipper is now a Rockefeller Brothers Fund trustee, and his own investment concern, Lipper & Company, begun in 1986 to handle his family's money, manages \$3 billion



John Cusack, left, and Al Pacino in "City Hall"—Politicos.

He is a consultant to the Clinton Administration on the Federal budget, and his friends (according to a list he provides) include former Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance, Senators Bill Bradley of New Jersey and Ernest F. Hollings of South Carolina (who has a role in "City Hall"), and the actor Michael Douglas and the director Oliver Stone, with whom he worked as a consultant on the 1987 film "Wall Street." Since then he has entered a film production business in partnership with Edward R. Pressman, the veteran producer of "Wall Street"; together, they produced "City Hall."

And that isn't all. Overwhelmingly successful financially, Mr. Lipper married money before he made it. He met his wife, Evelyn Gruss, on a blind date while he was at Harvard Law School and she was a freshman at Simmons College. (She is now the head of the child development division at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center; they have been married nearly 30 years and have four daughters.) The philanthropic donations of her father, Joseph Gruss, an oil and gas magnate who had escaped the Nazis in Poland, totaled more than \$300 million at his death in 1993

Mr. Lipper entered politics in 1982 when, at the behest of the consultant David Garth, he joined Mr. Koch's unsuccessful campaign for Governor as an economics adviser. He was named to the administration during the second of the Mayor's three terms. It was a time when the city had just emerged from economic crisis, and Mr. Lipper was charged, in the words of Paul Dickstein, then the city's deputy budget director, "with jump-starting an economic development program."

To a significant extent, he succeeded. It was the height of the real estate boom in Manhattan; commercial space was at a premium, rents were soaring and businesses were being driven off to the foreign ports of New Jersey and Connecticut. Mr. Lipper's strategy was to develop commercial office space in the boroughs outside Manhattan, using tax breaks and other subsidies to interest builders and lure companies to the new buildings.

Among other things, he was an advocate of Teleport, a Staten Island industrial park built around a telecommunications center. Planned since 1979, it was to open in 1983, but in a move that Mr. Koch cites as typical of his deputy mayor's aggressive supervision of the city coffers, Mr. Lipper single-handedly held up the project for a year to renegotiate a nearly done deal with

the city's co-developers, particularly the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The Port Authority was then headed by Peter Goldmark, now president of the Rockefeller Foundation.

"Peter Goldmark was going to walk all over us, and Ken wouldn't let him." Mr. Koch says.

Perhaps not surprising, it was a success that came with a reputation for arrogance. Among his chief critics is Mr. Goldmark, who to this day is blistering in his private assessment, although he will not speak about Mr. Lipper on the record at all except to say that the version of the Teleport story that casts Mr. Lipper as the hero "is not at all accurate."

"City Hall" is after a high degree of verisimilitude. For the first time, the actual City Hall building was rented as a film set, the result of a policy-reversing decision last year by its chief inhabitants, Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani and the Speaker of the City Council, Peter Vallone. (The \$50,000 fee is being applied to renovations at City Hall.) And it was Mr. Lipper, still a senior adviser to the City Council, who made sure the actors had access to the local denizens, including the Mayor.

Mr. Cusack, who took time to observe some New York political specimens while preparing for his role, was struck by their passion for secrecy. "Whenever they go to meetings, or to a breakfast or anywhere, they shake hands, hold on and whisper," he said. "There's always some exchange. It's like a virus all these people have — always a handshake and then a close, ear-to-ear whisper people telling secrets all the time, right in front of everyone."

There are limits, however, Mr. Cusack says he isn't really playing Mr. Lipper; indeed, his character, Kevin Calhoun, an Irishman from Louisiana, is hardly a Bronx Jew. One of the film's running jokes is that Kevin has a hard time with the Yiddishisms he hears around him, particularly menschkeit, literally "a man's code of behavior," used to refer to the unspoken rules by which politicans conduct their bargaining.

"It was a word Stanley Friedman always used to use," Mr. Lipper says, referring to a former Bronx Democratic leader who went to jail in 1988 for illegal involvement in the sale of computer software to the Parking Violations Bureau, the same scandal that brought down Ma-

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And even though Mr. Pacino borrowed from Mr. Koch the mannerism of riding in the Mayoral limousine with his head tilted back in exhaustion, his character. John Pappas, is not modeled on Mr. Koch. The paradigm, Mr. Lipper says, is not a mayor at all but Creon, the tragic monarch from Sophocles' "Antigone," whose impossible choice is to yield his authority as king or put to death his beloved niece for willfully defying a cruel edict.

Characteristically grandiose, Mr. Lipper says he conceived the theme of "City Hall" after seeing "Antigone" Off Off Broadway in 1988. "It suddenly struck me: that's the core of government experience," he says. "He orders her to death, against all of his feelings, all of his will, but he does it to prevent anarchy. He has great moments of ambivalence. It was that sense of frustration versus duty that intrigued me about the government."

Kevin Calhoun may not be Ken Lipper, but there is a scene in "City Hall" in which the script credits the character with the same tenacity and righteousness. In it, Frank Anselmo, the Brooklyn party boss, calls Kevin "a reed."

"Blow on him, and he bends," Anselmo says. To which the mobster replies: "Not this kid. This one's different."

Kevin, of course, is the story's hero. Which brings us back to Meade Esposito. At some point after their notable lunch, Mr. Lipper took up the case of Coastal Dry Dock, in the end denying the pleas of both Esposito and another advocate in the case, Representative Mario Biaggi of the Bronx, for the city to grant the company an energy subsidy.

Eventually, Coastal went out of business, leaving a \$300 million Pentagon contract unfulfilled, and Esposito was convicted of bribing Mr. Biaggi. But not until Esposito's trial in 1988 did the world learn that at about the same time he'd had lunch with Mr. Lipper, Esposito had paid for a Florida vacation for Mr. Biaggi; the jury ruled the vacation was an illegal gratuity for Mr. Biaggi's attempted influence on behalf of Coastal Dry Dock. That's why Esposito and Mr. Biaggi went to jail.

During Esposito's trial, Mr. Lipper was called to the stand. Among other things, he was asked: who paid for the lunch?

Spats Over Foreign Films

By JOSH YOUNG

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HIS year seems typical when it comes to the Oscar race for best foreign-language film. That is to say, complaints and conspiracy theories are rampant. And, as usual, they center on why certain films were not nominated by their respective countries and how difficult it is to change the eligibility rules. The five selected films will be announced on Tuesday, along with other Oscar nominations.

Some of the most talked-about foreign-language films released here last year will not be among the nominees because they were not offered up by their home countries. These include several that were critically praised: "Shanghai Triad," from China; "The Postman" ("Il Postino") and "Lamerica," from Italy, and "Wild Reeds" and "Les Misérables," from France.

Even eligible films have encountered significant problems. The Iranian film "The White Balloon," the story of a young girl's quest to buy a goldfish, narrowly escaped being withdraws. Teheran tried to pull it back, saying Washington planned a covert operation against the Iranian Government. The Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences refused on the grounds that the foreign-language film committee members had already begun screening

"The White Balloon." Another political squabble has swirled around "Underground," a film from Yugoslavia about two small-time gangsters who join the Communist Party at the beginning of World War IL Since "Underground" won the prize for best film at the Cannes International Film Festival last year, it has been the subject of a heated debate in France centering on the politics and loyalties of its director, Emir Kusturica.

"Underground" has also become the subject of a legal debate. Days before it was scheduled to be shown to the Academy's committee, the film's distributor, Ciby 2000, asked that the screening be postponed on the grounds that the film contained potentially libelous material about an individual who believed he was being parodied. The problem was resolved when a shorter, 25-minute version of the film, also released in Yugoslavia, was submitted.

Despite its problems, "The White Balloon" is considered a contender for a nomination, according to some members of the Academy's commit-



Marisa Paredes in Pedro Almodóvar's "Flower of My Secret," from Spain.

tee. Other films mentioned are "Antonia's Line," from the Netherlands: Bo Widerberg's "All Things Fair," from Sweden; Pedro Almodóvar's "Flower of My Secret," from Spain; Giuseppe Tornatore's "Star Maker," from Italy, and two dark-horse candidates, an Algerian film called "Dust of Life" and "Wild Horses" from Argentina.

This year, only about 400 of the Academy's more than 5,000 voting members volunteered to judge the 41 eligible foreign-language films. (Only countries belonging to the United Nations may submit a film, and only one film per country may be entered.) The films were divided into two groups, which were each shown to half of the members. To vote, members must see roughly 16 of the films in their assigned group. According to Bruce Davis, executive director of the Academy, about 325 members were qualified to vote this

Because of the investment of time required to see 16 films, the committee is composed mostly of retired Academy members. The director Paul Bartel, the producer Mark Johnson and the cinematographer John Bailey are among the few working film makers who partici-

As in past years, there has been considerable carping about the films being offered by selection committees in foreign countries. Chinese politics may have played a role in the exclusion of "Shanghai Triad," Zhang Yimou's drama set in the 1930's. It was passed over by the Chinese selection committee in favor of "Red Cherry," directed by Ye

"Red Cherry" is about two children who are sent to the Soviet Union to be educated. Though "Red Cherry" was the most popular film last year in China, many observers believe that politics was involved in the Chinese Government's nomination of Mr. Ye's film instead of Mr. Zhang's.

Mr. Ye's father was sent to the Soviet Union to be educated; there, he was a classmate of Li Peng, the Chinese Prime Minister. Mr. Ye's grandfather was General Ye Ting, a member of Mao's army; the general is regarded as a Communist martyr.

It should also be remembered that last year the Chinese Government forbade Mr. Zhang to attend the New York Film Festival for the opening night of "Shanghai Triad." In 1994, he was not allowed to go to the Cannes film festival when his film "To Live" was shown there. And in 1990, the Chinese Government tried but failed to withdraw his film "Ju Dou" from being considered for an Oscar nomination.

"It's really obvious that the Chinese Government wants to keep Zhang Yimou down," said Michael Barker, co-president of Sony Pictures Classics, the company that is distributing "Shanghai Triad."

Critics of the current system have suggested that all foreign films released theatrically in the United States during the past year be eligible for a nomination. If this were the case, "Shanghai Triad" and "The Postman" would have been eligible this year. The films "Wild Reeds" and "Les Misèrables," which were passed over by France in favor of "French Twist," also would have qualified.

But the current rule of one film per country is apparently not going the category eccentric and manageable," said Mr. Davis. "We can becomes too difficult to administer

Bruce Feldman, a committee member who used to be a marketing executive at Universal, adds, "If any Academy members have a problem with the selection committee, they should serve on it." As an added inducement, this year's screenings, which ended last Sunday, were accompanied by fudge, crudités and the occasional steamed dumpling instead of the packaged cookies of

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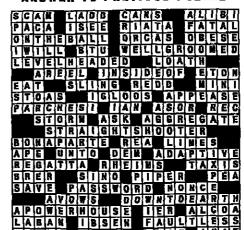
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The G.O.P.'s Grand New Struggle

Heavy, heavy, heavy is the mantle of inevitability. Just ask poor Bob Dole, the latest victim of the voters' quadrennial struggle to escape an arranged marriage. Inevitability panic is often associated with the Democrats, but Republicans are not immune. Witness the serial levitations from the Republican pack. First Steve Forbes, a trust-fund poster boy, surfs along as the lets-lower-my-taxeseven-if-we-have-to-raise-yours candidate. Then the Louisiana caucuses coughed up Pat Buchanan as the latest and most unlikely in a long line of Huey Long reincarnations. Now Lamar Alexander, who brags that he is less tired than Mr. Dole and less naïve than Mr. Forbes, is moving up in Iowa.

Some media critics want journalists and voters to ignore the horse race, a mindless instruction in light of the fact that this particular race is intertwined with an important development in Republican politics. A Los Angeles Times headline, "G.O.P. Class Warfare Erupts as Candidates Assail Forbes," was on the money, so to speak.

The battle was triggered by a slowly dawning awareness of what the flat tax really means beyond being a handy way for the Republicans to hand the fall election to President Clinton. It would save millions of dollars for Mr. Forbes and other holders of inherited wealth in capital gains and estate taxes for decades to come.

That aspect of this "truly nutty idea," to use Mr. Alexander's words, has opened up the Republicans' most divisive intramural issue — the question of whether the party is going to serve the economic interests of the old guard that shaped its traditional policies or the middle-class voters who gave it the White House in the 80's and control of Congress in 1994. Huey (the Kingfish) Buchanan placed his bet in Louisiana by promoting his new "conservatism with a heart." He is championing the Republican middle managers who are getting laid off against another Republican faction, the downsizers who are fattening quarterly earnings at the expense of career employees.

Just as the Democrats have been riven at times by racial and union issues, the Republicans could face powerful internal strains over income. They like to argue that the Democrats are the party of class warfare, but it is Phil Gramm who has been calling Mr. Forbes "Richie Rich." Both Mr. Gramm and Newt Gingrich have criticized Mr. Forbes for wanting to take a free ride on investment income while taxing wages and salaries through payroll deductions. Mr. Dole has said that he cannot favor a plan that takes away the home mortgage exemption and loads a \$200 billion deficit increase on the backs

Mr. Forbes's policy guru, Jude Wanniski, has recognized the threat in this line of attack and is circulating a memo arguing that Mr. Forbes is the true populist because he wants everyone to get rich. He makes a strained argument that "Forbes is not Old Wealth" since his grandfather started the fortune. It is Bob Dole, according to Mr. Wanniski, who serves the class at the top of the pyramid and is "biased toward preserving and protecting its wealth."

If the Forbes camp is going to play the politics of resentment against Mr. Dole, it had better be careful. Mr. Dole is the Mozart of resentment. Nobody does it better, and for all the rocks in his road lately, Mr. Dole has caught an unexpected break. Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Alexander are both positioned to grab shares of the anti-Dole vote that seemed to be flowing in a block to Mr. Forbes.

In any event, recent history shows that fractious primary voters may eventually learn to tolerate an old-shoe candidate. Think of all the Democrats who sighed and accepted the fact that Walter Mondale and Michael Dukakis were as good as it

The whole business will play out fairly quickly now. So in the coming weeks, disregard all those urgings to ignore the horse race. This one has meaning enough for the direction of the country, the shape of the Republican Party and Bill Clinton's hopes of facing a battered candidate and a squabbling party. Anyway, it is a dandy show.

The London Bombing

A terror bombing in London on Friday evidently signaled the end of the Irish Republican Army's cease-fire, declared in September 1994. The bombing, which killed at least one person, injured more than 100 and rocked the eastern dock area of the city, gives violent pause to what has been a fitful but hopeful effort to bring peace to Northern Ireland. There is no justification for such a wanton attack against civilians. All parties to the Irish conflict must rededicate themselves to finding a peaceful resolution of this long and brutish conflict.

If the I.R.A. as a whole is responsible for the bombing, which it yesterday claimed to be, its leaders have made a terrible mistake by returning to violence. They cannot gain more through terror than they can through the patient pursuit of peace. If anything, a new campaign of terror will only set back their cause and wound their people.

If the bombing was the work of a faction within the I.R.A., the commanders of the overall organization must persuade their colleagues to hold their fire. Gerry Adams, head of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the I.R.A., has pushed his friends toward peace. It will be all the harder for him to keep pressing now, but having seen the potential for reconciliation in his homeland, he said yesterday he would do so. The Irish Government in Dublin should help him.

Prime Minister John Major of Britain should reconsider his approach to arranging all-party peace talks. He has been playing a dangerous game of brinkmanship with the paramilitary groups, gambling that they would not return to violence and insisting unrealistically that the I.R.A. hand over some of its weapons before such talks could begin.

Mr. Major allowed the cease-fire to continue for 18 months with no further progress toward the talks. He seemed not to understand that Mr. Adams offered a hope for peace, and needed to be able to show his followers some concrete advantage in putting down their guns.

An international commission, headed by former United States Senator George Mitchell, set out recommendations for proceeding with talks while addressing the issue of disarming the paramilitaries, and recommended that Mr. Major drop the insistence that weapons be handed over. Mr. Major reacted by saying he would only do so if the I.R.A. met another precondition: elections to select participants in the talks. Mr. Mitchell warned last weekend that some elements in the LR.A. might lose patience. He seems to have been right.

Mr. Major's majority in Parliament is slimmer than ever. He will probably be forced to call an election by this summer and he is being hounded by a revitalized opposition under the leadership of Labor's Tony Blair. He seems to believe that any sign of weakness on the Northern Ireland issue could cost him vital votes in Parliament.

The London bombing should be a warning to Mr. Major, Mr. Adams and the others involved in this conflict that a failure to achieve peace will bring a new round of senseless violence that harms all, whether Catholic or Protestant, Irish or British.

A Sweet Deal for General Electric

The General Electric Company is one of New York State's biggest employers, providing 13,000 jobs at 7 major sites. It is also one of state's biggest polluters. According to a state report released last year, its silicone factory at Waterford caused more toxic ground pollution than any other plant in the state for the seventh straight year.

As the Pataki administration came into power. the Department of Environmental Conservation was preparing to punish the company for environmental violations at Waterford, including releases of toxic materials into the Hudson River, the ground and the air. Last fall a deal was announced in which General Electric was allowed to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$1.5 million toward environmental projects in the region in lieu of fines. Environmental groups, Democrats in the State Legislature and even the Attorney General, Dennis Vacco, criticized the deal, saying G.E. had been let off too easily. They were right.

Two aspects of the deal are troubling. One is the allegation, supported by D.E.C. internal memorandums, that the company threatened to take its planned expansion of the Waterford plant elsewhere if a large fine was levied.

Another is that the settlement included the financing of a boat launch and wetlands reclamation project near the home of the Environmental Conservation Commissioner, Michael Zagata. The program under which the settlement was brokered

allows companies to compensate for environmental violations by contributing to projects in the area where the violations occurred. The planned boat launch is 40-odd miles from G.E.'s Waterford site.

Before the settlement, the Senate majority leader, Joseph Bruno, quoted G.E.'s chairman, John Welch, as saying New York was an awful place to do business and that he would try to take any jobs he could out of state. According to Mr. Bruno, he and Mr. Pataki have managed to convince Mr. Welch that this administration is friendlier to business.

Mr. Pataki has made heartening progress on some environmental problems. He also knows, however, that serious enforcement of environmental laws will inevitably bring a government into conflict with large businesses with a history of environmental misdeeds. In this case, the Pataki administration argues that it is better to encourage companies like General Electric to address their pollution problems (which the settlement does) and to contribute to community projects, rather than antagonize them by levying substantial penalties.

This approach ignores both normal enforcement practice and common sense. Allowing a multibillion-dollar company to escape with a \$1.5 million tax-deductible contribution is not a significant deterrent to future violations. G.E.'s threat to dodge a just penalty by taking 50 jobs out of the state is an unworthy act. Bowing to that threat is a sign of weakness in the Governor.

U.N. Avoids Evidence in Bosnia Killings

To the Editor:

Re "U.N. Official Says She Found No Missing Men in Srebrenica" (news article, Feb. 6): Elizabeth Rehn made inaccurate and misleading statements during her brief tour of the former United Nations-declared safe area in Bosnia and Herzegovina where Bosnian Serb forces slaughtered some 7,000 Muslims.

While acknowledging the existence of mass graves in the area and noting that "many young men were killed," Ms. Rehn asserted that "they were probably soldiers" and repeated without comment the claim of Bosnian Serb military leaders that they "were killed in battle."

Human Rights Watch, which conducted extensive interviews of survivors of the Srebrenica genocide in the month following these killings, has reached different conclusions.

The majority of the young men killed were unarmed. Of those who were armed, the majority were mur-

Re "Going Out on a Limb Over

Plans for a Road" (Newbury Jour-

nal, Feb. 7) on protests over a bypass

being built in Newbury, England: I

The beginning of the article dis-

cusses the need for the \$160 million

bypass to "ease the traffic in this

car-clogged town 50 miles west of

London." The end includes an inter-

view with a real estate agent who

said that the "bypass was crucial

because people wanting to settle here

care about three things - traffic,

By now we should know better.

More and wider roads do not solve

traffic. They only attract more resi-

dential settlement, commercial de-

velopment and more traffic. Capaci-

ty attracts use. Roads attract sprawl

If we truly want to deal with traffic

iams, we need to consider the possi-

bilities of compact city design, mass

Mark Green (Op-Ed, Feb. 7) is

right: New York State has an abys-

mal record of encouraging voter par-

ticipation. In addition to implement-

ing the "motor voter" law, the state

should launch a vote-by-mail pro-

gram in which citizens can vote in

Oregon, in its vote-by-mail experi-

ment in the special election for the

United States Senate, achieved a 66

percent participation rate and saved

By contrast, only 10 percent of

registered voters went to the polls in

a recent City Council election on

Manhattan's East Side. With a little

effort, New York, the home of the

nation's first capital, could live up

to its legacy as the cradle of democ-

racy and save us a bundle in the

MICHAEL C. ALCAMO

New York, Feb. 8, 1996

taxpayers more than \$1 million.

special or regular elections.

A Mail-In Ballot

For New York, Too

traffic, and traffic."

and more traffic.

To the Editor:

loved the delicious irony of it.

To the Editor:

Build a Road and What Do You Get?

dered after being taken prisoner. These are clear war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Ms. Rehn also presented a deceptive picture of the status of prisoners detained by Bosnian Serb forces to perform forced labor.

While noting that two sites she visited had not recently housed forced laborers, Ms. Rehn glected to mention the considerable evidence that Bosnian Serb authorities are detaining forced laborers else-

where. Human Rights Watch has received many firsthand reports of forced labor in northern Bosnia and believes that hundreds of non-Serbs remain detained for that purpose.

Ms. Rehn's predecessor, Tadeusz Mazowiecki, resigned over the failure of the United Nations and the international community to protect the residents of Srebrenica. Ms. Rehn, by contrast, shows a disturbing tendency to credit the self-serv-

tary leaders. DIANE PAUL Research Associate Human Rights Watch-Helsinki New York, Feb. 7, 1996

ing obfuscation of Bosnian Serb mili-

No 'Belated' U.S. Role To the Editor:

Assistant Secretary of State Richard C. Holbrooke's view expressed at the recent meeting of international officials and private business executives in Switzerland that the United States "belatedly" became involved in the Bosnian crisis and eventually led the Bosnian Serbs to accept peace is misleading.

The United States has been actively involved in Bosnia from the beginning. It was the last United States Ambassador to Belgrade, Warren Zimmerman, who encouraged the Muslim-led Bosnian "government" to renege on the constitutional agreement reached at Lisbon in 1992 and secede from Yugoslavia, triggering the civil war.

The United States helped prolong the war by opposing all subsequent partition plans put forth by the European Union or the United Nations.

The United States-led NATO air strikes facilitated the peace process only to the extent they appeared Bosnian Muslim supporters in the United States Congress and, to a lesser extent, the Islamic world, which repeatedly called for an escalation of

the war against the Serbs. By enabling the Bosnian Muslims and Croats to conquer a swath of Serbinhabited territory, the air strikes made Bosnia's partition, in the form of the Dayton agreement, more palatable to the anti-Serb coalition.

Serious peace negotiations began only when the United States put pressure on the Muslims and Croats to end their military campaign, The Bosnian Serbs were always prepared to negotiate. By contrast, the Bosnian Muslim leaders consistently demonstrated a total unwillingness to discuss compromise with the

GEÒRGE TENTOR London, Feb. 8, 1996



transit use and other, less damaging and counterproductive solutions than continued campaigns of roadbuild-DAVID TODD Austin, Tex., Feb. 7, 1996

Multiple Births Don't Always End Happily

Saudi Arabia Economy Is Looking Better

Re your Feb. 7 news article on the birth of quintuplets to a Brooklyn couple:

You do a disservice in leaving the impression that the arrival of these babies, born at 26 weeks' gestation and each weighing under 2 pounds, is a happy ending. While I hope that the To the Editor: quints thrive, their ordeal is just

beginning. You cite a 95 percent survival rate for babies born at 29 weeks. That figure does not indicate how many survivors suffer brain damage, blindness or develop cerebral palsy in their last trimester outside the womb. The hospital care that these bables will receive can reach dollar

amounts in the six digits per child. Quintuplets conceived without the use of fertility drugs face the same dangers as those conceived with such drugs. But when parents choose to use these drugs, they wager the

health of their babies in a sort of "preemie roulette." This is selfish-KAREN SCHAEFFER New York, Feb. 7, 1996

Big Freeze of '34

Re your Feb. 6 news article on the coldest temperature ever recorded in New York City: .

Feb. 9, 1934, was not only a memorable day in the weather history of the city but in the history of New York State as well.

On that date, at Stillwater Reservoir north of Big Moose Lake in the Adirondacks, the temperature dropped to 52 degrees below zero, still the all-time low in New York State. That temperature reading made headlines around the country. GEORGE E. BODINE

Syracuse, Feb. 6, 1996

The Queen Pays

To the Editor:

bargain

"A Duchess: Her Life in Debt" (Week in Review, Feb. 4) is incorrect to say that Queen Elizabeth II's "immediate relatives have their expenses taken care of by the government."

According to the official "Royal Finances," since April 1993 the Queen has reimbursed the British Government for annuities, authorized by Parliament, paid to 10 family members who carry out public functions representing her and the nation. The money is to meet their official expenses. Under the Civil List Acts, only the Queen, her husband and mother receive monies from public funds that are not

THOMAS CAMPBELL New York, Feb. 7, 1996 "An Inconvenient Saudi Dissi-

dent" (editorial, Feb. 5) says that the Saudi Arabian Government's fiscal situation has deteriorated in recent

The Iraqi invasion of Kuwait necessitated the payment by Saudi Arabia of more than \$55 billion in cash for direct war-related expenses, which represented one-half of the country's gross domestic product at that time and slowed achievement of the kingdom's economic goals.

Saudi Arabia has largely recov-

Budgets were cut by 20 percent in 1994 and 6 percent in 1995, subsi-

dies have been reduced, and the fiscal picture is improving, not deterio-

This success derives from cultivation of a strong private sector; an open economy that attracts the participation of foreign companies, and investment of nearly \$1 trillion in infrastructure in less than three

Gross domestic product growth at an estimated 4.3 percent for 1995 and repayment of the Government's international debt during that year provide evidence of the improved outlook. MEDLEJ AL-MEDLEJ

Executive Director U.S.-Saudi Arabian Business Council

Washington, Feb. 6, 1996

Block Grant Plan Will Hurt Drug Treatment

To the Editor:

Re your Feb. 5 news article on Gov. George E. Pataki's block-grant proposal, under which responsibility for some vital services would be turned over to counties in New York State and to New York City: This proposal would have a devastating impact on treatment of substance abuse.

Making counties liable for drug abuse saddles them with a problem that few have demonstrated the capacity to confront. The plan fails to recognize that many treatment providers operate throughout the state and that few counties can, by themselves, mount a range of services.

The proposal allows counties that cut back on treatment to split their unspent block grant dollars with the state. As a result, the plan insures destruction of the drug abuse treatment network that New York State has built over the past 30 years.

Moreover, there would be a sharp rise in administrative costs at the county level with no equivalent reduction in Albany. New York City would have to recreate the Addiction Services Agency that was eliminated as wasteful in 1978.

Lost would be the substantial savings the state realizes when nonviolent, drug-abusing offenders - many of them juveniles - are placed in residential treatment programs by the courts rather than sent to prison.

These are programs that have demonstrated value in budget savings. reduced recidivism and increased employability.

As treatment services diminish. rising costs are likely in the health care and foster care systems, child protective services and services for the homeless. Additional costs to taxpayers will be greater than any savings realized from the block grant plan. MITCHELL S. ROSENTHAL, M.D.

New York, Feb. 8, 1996 The writer is the founder of Phoenix House, a drug treatment facility.



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Military Has No Room For the H.I.V. Positive

To the Editor:

Re "Magic Shows the Way" (editorial, Feb. 1): The only thing proved by the return of the basketball player Magic Johnson, who is H.I.V. positive, to the National Basketball Association is that team owners love money more than people. Like it or not, Johnson's colleagues will always treat him differently - and not because of a "phobia."

This is the reality that faces H.LV.infected military personnel. Their illness is unlike that of other nondepioyable colleagues whose status must be handled on a case-by-case basis. H.LV. does not go away. What is "punitive" about telling these nonmilitary military personnel they are no longer of service to the United States military?

You ignore that 99.9 percent of H.I.V.-infected personnel have broken the Uniform Code of Military Justice in activities that led to acquiring the disease. Other categories of nondeployment limitation are not

the result of breaking military law. Contrary to your assertion, the discharges are supported by the uniformed military. The military has a military agenda, not a polifical ROBERT K. DORIGO Member of Congress, 46th Dist. Calif.

Washington, Feb. 5, 1996

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Fourth of July - oh my gosh, every-

thing on the screen looks like that

Larry, who's here this weekend, likes dots and life-affirming exclama-

'Has any Republican candidate real-

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types of candies taste better in movie

theaters than outside? . . . Count me in

favor of Puerto Rico as our 51st

Gee, I wish there were an escape

Sunshine, lollipops and flat taxes

here today ... Who wants a bumpy

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where the word ethanol is an applause

line . . . If Pat Buchanan is a member

of the Knights of Columbus, then

count me in as a member of the Days

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Questions, questions, questions:

DES MOINES!!!

key to stop sounding sounding like Larry. Never mind. I'll try again.

Sunday column, take two:

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Liberties

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Foreign Affairs THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

Three Little Words

Watching the Republican primary campaign reminds me of something that I've been feeling for some time. now: The Republicans have no foreign policy.

During the first two years of the Clinton Administration, the fact that the Republicans didn't have a foreign policy was neither apparent nor for them very important. Life was easy for Republican foreign policy mavens and Presidential candidates. All they had to say were three little words -"Clinton Foreign Policy" — and everybody laughed, as if it were a selfevident joke, which at times it was.

But lately, Mr. Clinton, in his own zigzagging style, has notched enough foreign policy successes — in Bosnia, North Korea, Haiti, Mexico and the Middle East — that the Republicans can no longer get away with three little words, or the claim that only they are competent enough to conduct foreign policy_

But now that the Republicans need to posit a coherent, intellectually serious alternative foreign policy vision, they have none. It is obvious that the whole framework for Republican foreign policy — the cold war — has collapsed and that the Republican candidates have no new vision to unite them. They can no longer just get by with saying they are tougher on the Soviets than the Democrats.

So they have splintered. There is the Dole-Lugar-Forbes school, which basically endorses the same internationalist-occasional-use-of-force foreign policy that Mr. Clinton is now implementing. There is the Jesse Helms-Pat Buchanan school, which advocates a blend of isolationism and nostalgia for the cold war. And there is the Phil Gramm-freshmen Republican school, which seems interested only in cutting foreign aid and every budget except the Pentagon's. This

Republicans need a foreign policy of their own.

view is not just America first, but America only.

Weekly Standard, the popular new conservative journal, remarked to me that on domestic policy the Republicans have continued the Reagan revolution to its logical conclusion, with the Gingrich revolution. But on foreign policy they have not extended the Reagan revolution at all. This has real implications for Republicans, Mr. Kristol argued, "because Reagan did not just stand for limiting government and cutting taxes. He also stood for patriotism, strength abroad and using American power overseas in the pursuit of freedom for captive nations." In that sense Reaganism had a certain largeness and generosity of spirit. Yes, we're cutting your welfare checks, Mr. Reagan could always say, but at least we're using the money to liberate Eastern Europe.

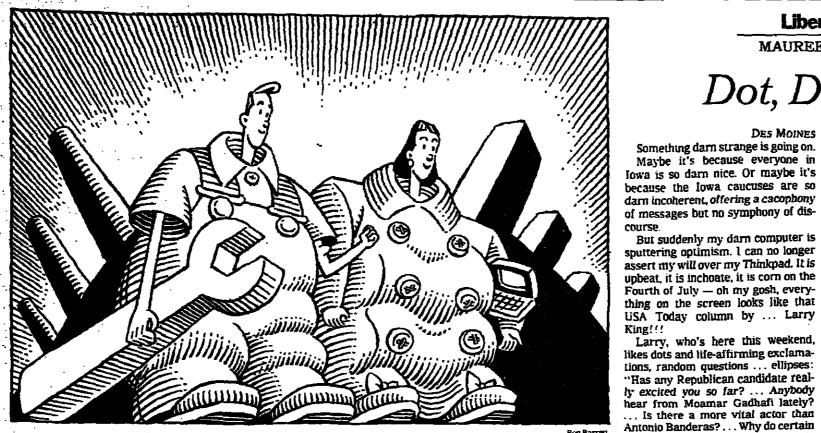
Without a foreign policy component, that sense of largeness is missing from Republicanism today. The message that comes across has a narrow, mean tinge: Yes, we're cutting welfare and Medicaid, but don't worry, because we're also cutting aid to Africa, India and Eastern Europe. Instead of Republican domestic policy being balanced by foreign policy, for many Republicans their domestic policy IS their foreign policy: Shrink the budget, shrink foreign aid, shrink the State Department, shrink America's role in the world.

What the Republicans need is a neo-Reaganite foreign policy that would be more assertive, more nationalistic, more focused on the big, traditional threats than Clinton," said Mr. Kristol. "I see glimmers of it around, but it has not been coherently developed."

While the Clinton foreign policy has clearly improved, it would be hard to describe it as having a coherent overarching theme either. It still seems driven often by television images, a sort of neo-CNNism. Mr. Clinton has gone from an ad hoc series of failures to an ad hoc series of successes, but, because he has never set down an overall framework of priorities, it is never quite clear what is important. For example, Secretary of State Warren Christopher has been to Syria 17 times and to China once.

In many ways, Mr. Clinton and the Republicans have converged: Neither has a vision and so both insist that U.S. foreign policy today is about "Leadership." Mr. Clinton defines "Leadership" as all the ad hoc things he has done and the Republicans define it as all the ad hoc things they

would do. As long as Mr. Clinton's list looks relatively successful, so too will his foreign policy. But Bosnia, China or Russia could sour at any time, and with it the view of the Clinton foreign policy. That's why this column comes with the following label: "Use by Sunday Feb. 11. May not be valid after



Lower Taxes, Higher Revenues

By Jack Kemp

WASBINGTON t is a paradoxical truth that tax rates are too high today and tax revenues are too low, and the soundest way to raise the revenues in the long run is to cut taxes now." These Reaganesque words came from the lips of President John F. Kennedy in 1962, and

they ring just as true today. Why then do so many politicians from both parties offer only spending reductions as means of balancing the budget? No doubt a balanced budget is an important goal, and we'll have to cut wasteful Federal spending to get there. But surely none of the Republican candidates really believes that we can erase the deficit and reduce the Federal debt solely by tightening our collective budget belt. We need economic growth, too.

Part of the problem is that for years liberals have insisted that tax reforms of the Reagan Revolution exploded the deficit. It seems that many in Congress and several Republican candidates are beginning to believe it. The result is a barrage of attacks on pro-growth tax proposals, based on the mistaken charge that cutting taxes would increase the deficit. A history lesson is in order.

Three times in this century the United States has significantly rerates. In the 1920's, the top rate was lowered from 73 percent to 25 per-

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By David Gelernter

and struggling to stay independent. At

best, it will need to change radically,

which threatens to leave its Mac Rev-

When Steve Jobs and Stephen Woz-

niak set up Apple in 1976, computing

was an esoteric technical specialty.

As a marketing concept, home com-

puters seemed about as promising as

But the Apple II of 1977 was a hit.

I.B.M., it's fair to guess, was puzzled

at first ("what do you do with it?")

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mere 12 years ago, Apple

Computer brought

forth the Mac and

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day, it is reeling from

unprecedented losses

cent. Between 1921 and 1928, tax rev- Bob Dole, found that a radical overenues rose from \$719 million to \$1.16 billion, an increase of more than 60 percent. (Unfortunately, Herbert Hoover's support of the Smoot-Hawley tariff, among other mistakes, put an end to the golden '20's.)

President Kennedy's tax cuts lowered the top rate from 91 percent to 70 percent between 1963 and 1965. Over that period, revenues increased more than 16 percent.

In the 1980's, taxes were lowered from a top marginal rate of 70 percent to 28 percent. By the end of the

A history lesson for the deficit hawks.

decade, real gross domestic product surged by 32 percent and revenues grew by nearly 40 percent. True, nominal budget deficits were higher at the end of the Reagan era. But as a percentage of G.D.P., the deficit actually diminished in the 1980's.

That is why all proposals to expand the economy by lowering taxes on work, savings, investment and entrepreneurship — including the flat-tax plans of Steve Forbes and duced the top marginal income tax Representative Dick Armey - deserve to be discussed and debated, without being dismissed as a boon to the rich.

The National Commission on Economic Growth and Tax Reform, on which I served as chairman for House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senator

Computer Lesson

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the rate at around 19 percent.)

While we debate such radical reforms, we should quickly reduce the capital gains tax and index it to

Critics of a capital gains tax cut claim that it would be a payoff to the rich that would increase the deficit. This is not true. Cutting and indexing capital gains tax rates would help low-income and high-risk entrepreneurial ventures get investors, fostering a more vibrant national economy and thereby expanding the tax base. The capital gains tax is less of a tax on the rich than it is a barrier to the success of lower-income people willing to take a risk.

the rate of economic growth and would do more for America than just help balance the Federal budget. None of the nation's myriad challenges, including poverty, crime, racial tension and welfare dependence. can be solved without economic

haul of the tax code would be vital to our goal of doubling the rate of economic growth, currently 1.9 percent annually. We recommended a simple plan that would tax income only once and would allow working men and women to deduct their payroll taxes. (I would also exempt charitable donations and mortgage interest, and cap

eliminate the effects of inflation.

Why do they call it the Heartland? Don't the rest of us have heart? . . . If we all know that the New Hampshire state motto is "Live Free or Die," why don't we know the Iowa state motto? ... Is there a more vital neopragmatist than Richard Lugar? ... If supply-side economics works, why doesn't Jack Kemp have a real job? Right? Right.... Charlton Heston can part the Red Sea, but can he save Phil Gramm? Chuck campaigned with Gramm here on Saturday. The guy ust know something we don't know. ... Why the heck didn't he win an Oscar for "The Ten Command-

Cutting taxes is the key to doubling

DES MOINES Steve Forbes wouldn't have caught Something darn strange is going on. on," Alex told me. "He looks like you Maybe it's because everyone in open a panel in his back and change Iowa is so darn nice. Or maybe it's the batteries." (Better find your guy

because the lowa caucuses are so some of those batteries, Alex!) Did you know that: Steve Forbes darn incoherent, offering a cacophony of messages but no symphony of disnever blinks ... For that matter, Brian Lamb never blinks ... Bob Dole But suddenly my darn computer is has a nice smile ...

My 2 cents: How come Bob Dole has been running for President so

Channeling Larry King in Iowa.

long and still doesn't have a "Shining City on the Hill" speech? Come to think of it, he doesn't have any speech. His idea of an audience grabber is 'My fingerprints have been all over farm legislation" ... Mari Maseng Will, phone home ... Now that "Anonymous" has sold the rights to his/her novel to Mike Nichols, who will play Hillary? My pick: Emma Thompson. The lady can act!

Cornfield musings: Iowa is so flat . Is that why it likes the flat tax? . . . Is there a better team with a losing record than Morry Taylor? "This is America," Morry says, "We speak English here." Can't argue with that. . And kudos to Morry for trying to stop that regulatory madness.

Makin' bacon: Some TV reporters trying to do standups at hog farms have had trouble with the hogs celebrating Valentine's Day early ... Pity the newsies, stranded on manure lagoons ... The Marriott gift shop sells musical pig candles that play "Love Me Tender.

Quickie Quotes: Pat Buchanan on gun control: "I think you need a steady aim" ... Bob Dole in Oskaloosa, "Let me add right quick that Elizabeth is not going to be in charge of health care - she may have a little blood bank in the White House". Phil Gramm to a female reporter: "I don't feel it's right that you're out here working, standing on ice with your high heels on, to pay taxes to put people in prison."

Loose ends: Sabina (pronounced like "nothin' could be finah") Forbes has taken to the airwaves to defend her man. She looks formidable ... Watch out, Hillary! ... The candidates went to a rally for the National Campaign to Protect Marriage. I'm

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adviser can still make jokes, "If good

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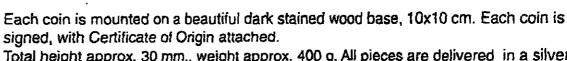




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Apple's unfinished revolution.

chine-room door. When the Apple Macintosh arrived in 1984, even computer scientists took note: how marvelous! A computer that was weak, slow and fatally cute. Just what the world had been longing for, we all figured, a cute computer.

But my curiosity got the better of me, and the Mac got better, too. A few years later, i ordered some for a research project. Some students and I had put aside an afternoon to set them up; an hour later we were finished. Ordinarily, we operated computers by typing arcane instructions: "blurb squogl//chugchugchug-now!" But on Macs there were none to type. They

felt like cars without steering wheels. Gradually it sunk in. Apple had embodied in this unassuming machine the most elusive equation in the technology world: Power plus

David Gelernter, author of "1939: The Lost World of the Fair," teaches comsimplicity makes elegance. This company has done more than any other to make computers beautiful. Americans tend to view elegance

as a dispensable, maybe decadent luxury. But in science, elegance is the tell-tale of truth. Collar one Mac enthusiast and one PC user, both equally adept on their machines. (N.B.: There are no PC enthusiasts.) Chances are the Mac lover wasted less of his life acquiring know-how and wastes fewer brain cells storing it. You are likelier to develop a deep feel for an elegant system's capacities; you can do more and go further.

But most American companies disdain elegance. Computer makers typically believe in power first and only, and gauge a program's power by how many tricks it can do. A word processor program with the new Blimp-Check feature (capitalizes every occurrence of "Zeppelin") is outranked by a competitor offering Blimp-Check and Rose-Whistle (broadcasts "The Yellow Rose of Texas" whenever you type Escape-Y).

The computer ace Clifford Stoll would be happy, he writes, to sacrifice the "useless features" in the latest version of Microsoft Word for "simplicity, reliability, and, especially, ease of learning." But the Mac's message is far from sinking in. A salesman once couldn't believe that I might pass up his car for a Honda Accord. His had so many more features. The fins on the dashboard vents, I recall, swiveled back and forth like heads at a tennis match. "Self-enslaving Mac population," The Wall Street Journal called us devotees. Imagine paying dollars for

mere elegance. Apple did make lots of mistakes. Yet in the end, history comes down to this: The Macintosh was the machine people favored when they were spending their own money. In the business world, it never competed successfully with the LB.M. PC and its faithful clones; corporate buyers felt guilty spending other people's money on mere elegance.

Perhaps I could interest Apple in one final gift to the country. Go forth and teach us elegance. Go forth and change our culture. Apple now has a golden opportunity to become the first American company to reorganize it-self as a philosophical movement. Think of the tax advantages!

By REED ABELSON

OU put off shoveling your walk, and a neighbor slips on the ice. He sues, he wins. If insurance doesn't help, can you take a tax deduction? Forget it.

Now if you were a corporation, it would be a different story. Not only would you have a tidy write-off, but you might also be able to offset some past earnings and get a check from Uncle Sam.

Consider these not-at-all-hypothetical situations:

A big Wall Street firm agrees to a costly settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission. An oil tanker runs aground, wreaking environmental havoc. And after pumping millions into an ill-conceived product, a company abandons it.

Yes, in all of these cases, the United States Government is willing to cushion some of the blows with a hefty tax deduction. It's a silver lining denied to most other taxpayers, who are typically individuals with much less power.

But no matter how disastrous a company's actions prove or how badly a business blunders, a third of the costs of cleaning up the resulting mess will frequently be picked

up by Uncle Sam. Despite the heated oratory about the need to balance the Federal budget, and the scramble to unearth additional revenues, not a whisper is heard about making companies pay more for their mistakes, intentional or not. The only time politicians question these deductions is when a particularly glaring example is fresh in voters' minds. As soon as the hue and cry dies down, the talk quickly evaporates.

Even Steve Forbes, who is running for President mainly on the issue of tax reform.

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has overlooked this possible revenue raiser. Though his far-reaching flat-tax proposal would eliminate endless deductions for individuals, it would leave these business expenses untouched. Mr. Forbes's campaign office did not return calls seeking comment.

Companies walk away with more than a one-time tax break. Under the existing rules, the losses created by the payment of a huge civil judgment or fat legal settlement can be applied to a company's profits from previous years. As much as a decade's worth of tax bills can be nearly wiped away. A company may even be due a substantial refund from the Internal Revenue Service.

In other words, a company that had been hurtling along making money and paying taxes, and then suffered a loss through its own actions, might then be eligible for a refund on past taxes paid if the loss is large enough. An individual in the same fix would not stand a chance.

When corporate losses get large enough, companies can even do an end run around the dreaded alternative minimum tax, said Robert S. McIntyre, director of Citizens for Tax Justice, a Washington research group that receives much of its backing from organized labor. The alternative tax, created as part of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 to make sure companies and upper-income individuals do not avoid taxes altogether, has less bite when a company retroactively applies big losses to previous years' income. By sanctioning the use of such "loss carry backs," the tax code allows companies to pay much less than what they would owe

under the alternative minimum tax. This is one reason why despite their image as deep pockets, corporate income taxes in recent years have accounted for just 10 to 12 percent of Federal revenues.

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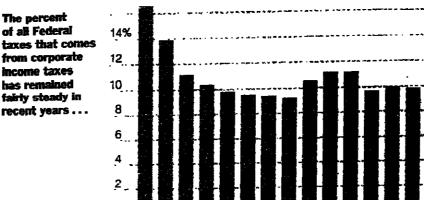
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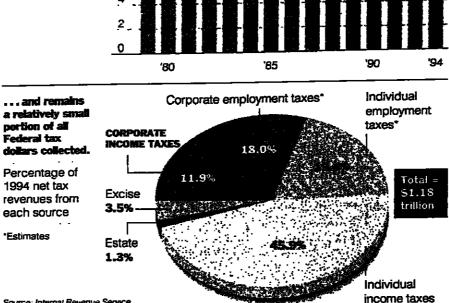
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sured losses above 10 percent of your adjusted gross income - but that threshold is so high that it provides scant comfort. It would be like telling a company it could deduct only those losses above 10 percent of

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Corporate America, as well as the legions of accountants and tax lawyers in its employ, is quick to defend its right to its deductions, arguing that hefty settlement costs and payments of legal claims are legitimate business expenses. Companies, the argument goes, are taxed on their income after their costs are deducted, not on their revenues, and these expenses are no different from paying employee salaries or the light bill.

Actions like these "are not criminal maybe they're bad judgment," said Joseph W. Rebravitch, a professor of accounting and taxation at New York University, explaining why these tax breaks can be applied so broadly. "Why would the Government not allow the deductions?"

But the tax code does make distinctions. As a matter of policy, the Government does occasionally hold its nose. It does not, say, allow companies to deduct illegal bribes and kickbacks, punitive damages paid in antitrust suits, or criminal fines or penalties paid to the Government. Any punitive component of a civil settlement is also generally disallowed.

The ban on deducting such payments was meant to avoid frustration of the criminal law, said Elizabeth Garrett, a law professor at the University of Chicago. A pivotal case that helped to shape the Government's thinking, she said, was a 1958 Supreme Court ruling banning a trucking company from deducting the cost of multiple criminal

"You don't want to encourage people to do these things by giving them a tax deduction," Mr. Rebravitch said.

Likewise, for symbolic reasons, the Government in 1994 sharply curtailed what businesses could deduct for restaurant meals and country-club dues. And under the Clinton Administration, it scaled back the amount of executive compensation that companies could deduct above \$1 million, even though the crackdown has generated very little revenue for the Treasury.

But as much as the Government frowns on a tax code that would ease the pain of any punishment it metes out, it seems to look the other way when companies engage in regrettable behavior that merely results in substantial civil payments or legal claims.

Even if the Government determines that the amount being paid was not meant to punish a company in any fashion, the question remains of whether the Government should subsidize the cost of making everything right. "All those things are deductible when you could argue they violate public policy," said Robert Willens, a tax and accounting analyst for Lehman Brothers.

There seems to be some room for interpretation on exactly which parts of a civil settlement should be considered punitive and not deductible, and which are the kind that can be used to lower a company's taxes. "This is one of the least clear areas in tax practice," said Wayne Robinson, a director in the Washington office of Price Waterhouse, which represents clients in settlement negotiations.

Robert Zarzar, a Price Waterhouse partner, said negotiations over the deductibility

of civil payments were standard in settlement negotiations between companies and the Government. After all, he said, "it is 40 percent of any number you're talking about," when you figure in state and local

As a result, corporations will do their utmost to negotiate a settlement in which most, if not all, of the desired deductions would pass muster with the LR.S. In fact, if lawyers are clever, and succeed in characterizing some of the settlement as a disgorgement of profit or restitution, tax experts say that part of it can usually qualify for a deduction.

For their part, Government agencies deny taking the tax impact of any settlements into account. "We never discuss tax issues in negotiating settlements," said Thomas C. Newkirk, an associate director of the S.E.C.

Even companies that acknowledge some wrongdoing can qualify for the tax breaks. Take Salomon Inc.'s run-in, to put it mildly, with the S.E.C. over allegations that it submitted billions of dollars of unauthorized bids in auctions of Treasury securities. Although the Government never brought criminal charges, Salomon conceded that it had submitted some phony bids and ended up cooperating with the authorities. The firm settled the Government's civil suit in 1992 without admitting or denying the

Under the terms of the \$290 million settlement. Salomon had to pay \$100 million into a fund open to anyone contending that he or she lost money as a result of its actions. The firm also ponied up \$122 million in "civil penalties" and \$68 million in forfeitures and other payments. While Salomon would not comment on what it considered deductible, tax experts say some of the settlement would appear to have qualified.

But wait, there's more. To cover all its costs from the incident, which included legal fees and other sizable costs in addition to the actual settlement, the firm took two pretax charges totaling \$385 million. There were thus \$95 million in added expenses, some of which were presumably legal costs, that may have been deemed deductible. Therehas never been much discussion of companies refraining from deducting legal costs. even unusually large ones.

The Government has also picked up the tab for other companies caught in mischief. When the Unisys Corporation ran afoul of the Pentagon for contracting fraud in 1991, the computer company considered the vast majority of the \$190 million it was forced to pay in fines and penalties as deductible. although it did plead guilty to some criminal charges. Only \$4 million worth of criminal fines could not be deducted from its tax bills.

Litton Industries, another military contractor, plans to deduct the cost of an \$86 million Government suit it settled a year and a half ago; the suit asserted that Litton had overcharged the Defense Department for computer services.

Litton thus calculates its after-tax hit as just \$54 million, since the settlement characterized the full sum not as punishment but as restitution - money paid to make the Defense Department whole.

Since companies pay taxes on income before they must disgorge it, it would be unfair not to allow them to deduct these costs, said Arthur Feder, a tax lawyer at Fried, Frank, Harris in New York. "What you're doing is adding another penalty." No one is accusing these companies of trying to fool the Internal Revenue Service. The issue is whether the Government should allow generous tax breaks under such circumstances.

The Government's charity is also apparent whenever a company faces exposure for anything from a terrible environmental accident to lawsuits over a product. When the Exxon Valdez ran aground seven years ago and spilled millions of gallons of crude oil into Prince William Sound, Exxon racked up hefty bills - and faces still more. But its settlement with Alaska and the Federal Government in 1991 called for it to pay just \$150 million in fines and additional payments totaling \$900 million over 10 years.

Between enormous legal bills and other clean-up costs, the company took a \$1.7 billion after-tax charge in 1989. How much was declared pretax and over what period of time the deductions may have been taken were never disclosed, and the company declined to comment.

Of course, in Exxon's case, the company may find itself with no Government-issued cushion to soften the blow in one pending dispute in Alaska. In 1994, a Federal jury there returned a verdict levying \$5 billion in punitive damages. Exxon is appealing, and no one expects a resolution soon. If it loses, those damages would almost definitely not be deductible.

Other companies are luckier. They can at least look forward to claiming a deduction on every dollar they pay out to people who say they have been hurt by their actions. Dow Corning, which faces billions of dollars in claims over its silicone breast implants, and Bankers Trust, which is paying substantial sums to some clients to settle suits over money-losing derivative products it sold, can both count on using those payouts to reduce their taxes. Bankers Trust declined to comment.

Employing the don't-kick-us-while-we'redown theory, some companies argue that without these valuable breaks they would not be able to stay in business. Dow Corning went bankrupt anyway, though it is still in business and may live to enjoy the accumulated tax benefits on the \$440 million in claims it has already paid.

As awful as some product-liability cases are, in some ways they are the best thing to have from a tax standpoint. Losses from some claims can be carried back a decade, while normal carry backs go back only three years. That period has been lengthened to 10 years in product-liability cases, an extension that grew out of litigation over asbestos-related illnesses. The reasoning is that companies facing extraordinary losses should be able to apply them over a suffi-

ciently long period. The White House, though, has recently proposed limiting carry backs to just a year. But as long as the current rules exist, years can pass during which corporate citizens

can go without paying the LR.S. a dime. The Government also picks up some of the tab when companies deduct losses incurred for ventures that in hindsight can be seen only as quixotic attempts to diversify or introduce a new product. To be sure, the line between legitimate business expense and foolishness is blurry. Since many ventures entail risk, it is nearly impossible to discern when these costs should and should not be deductible, said Carl Polsky, an accounting professor at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. "Where do

you draw the line?" he asked. But there are plenty of outsized failures that could well make the tax-paying public wonder why the Government keeps helping to defray the cost. Mistakes like McDonald's McLean Deluxe hamburger, Coca-Cola's New Coke, or Federal Express's Zap Maii, each of which surely cost those companies plenty, are considered routine expenses and thus can be used to reduce taxable income. The loss from New Coke, for instance, has been estimated at tens of millions of dollars.

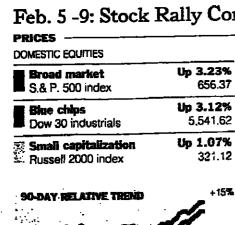
Even UAL got to deduct whatever it paid an image consultant to anoint it Allegis, a roundly ridiculed name that it spent \$7 million just to advertise and then abandoned after about a year. And remember when Mobil announced in 1975 that it was getting into retailing with the purchase of Montgomery Ward? That bright idea lasted 13 years and ended in a tax deduction, too.

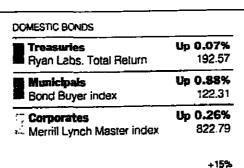
Another type of corporate folly is covered as well: overpaying for acquisitions. New tax rules dating from 1993 allow an acquirer in some cases to deduct over 15 years everything it paid in excess of what the hard assets of the purchased business were worth, an amount known as good will. The I.R.S. finally gave in to the demand for this deduction after the Supreme Court ruled in favor of allowing taxpayers to deduct such

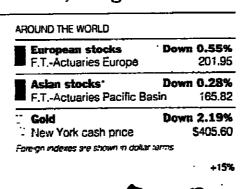
But chances are, Corporate America has nothing to fear. Despite all the talk by politicians, both right and left, about the search for loopholes to close, there has been no rush to eliminate any of these deductions. The Government seems all too willing to keep handing out moriey for those seeming ly not in need. As Mr. McIntyre of the Citizens for Tax Justice noted, "This isn't an anti-corporate-welfare Congress."

BPS AND DOWNS Feb. 5 -9: Stock Rally Continues as Dow Surges 167.63 Points; Long-Bond Yield Falls

Sources: Bank Rate Monitor; Bloomberg Financial Markets; The Bond Buyer; Data Goldman, Sachs; iBC's Mor







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It's tough being a whiz kid

Gabi Lukacs may only be 13, but he's turning heads in the Technion Sue Fishkoff reports

ABI Lukacs was just 12 years old last at Budapest's Polytechnical University but works October, but instead of preparing for his bar mitzva he entered Haifa's Technion as a first-year math student.

The Hungarian-born adolescent, who immigrated to Upper Nazareth with his father Janos in 1990, dismisses the suggestion that there's anything unusual about his precocious academic

"I'm just able to understand things quickly," he insists. "Until I actually produce something, you can't say it's anything special."

Still, it's not every day that a boy skips high school, studies on his own for the math bagnut (matriculation), scores a perfect 100, and, two months shy of his 13th birthday enters the Technion, where he not only takes a full firstyear class load, but sneaks in an extra computer

"I'm not supposed to take a fourth class, but I told them I'm signing up for it anyway," he says, with a schoolboy grin. "Maybe they'll throw me out, but I don't care at this point."

Why doesn't he care? He's doing well in his coursework, and he's managed to make a handful of friends at the university, despite the age differ-

"It's a miracle that he's even sitting in my class," says Prof. David Chillag, Gabi's first-year algebra teacher. "He's doing excellently. He's a nice boy, and seems to get along well with the

Indeed, Gabi says, he has no problems with his teachers or fellow students. His only difficulty is with the university administration, and it's a problem that may keep him at home when the.

second semester begins on March 6. It's a simple, yet daunting, logistical quandary. Because he's registered as a "special" student, Gabi has no access to the usual services offered to other Technion students. That means no financial aid, no discount for being an excellent stu-

dent, and no room in the on-campus dormitories. He gets some financial help from a Jerusalem foundation called Kol Yisrael Haverim, and a stipend from the Absorption Ministry, but his father still pays most school costs. That's hard on Janos, a philosophy PhD and architect who taught

now as an interior decorator.

The dormitory problem is more pressing. Gabi commutes four to five hours a day by bus from his Upper Nazareth home to the Technion and back, a graeling travel schedule that leaves him

Four days a week, Gabi rises at 5:30 a.m., and arrives home at 8 p.m., when he begins his homework. He sleeps an average of four hours a night, not nearly enough for a boy his age.

"When I have an exam, I might only get an hour or two of sleep, then back on the bus to take the test," he says. He's appealed to the dean of students for a dor-

mitory room, but has received no response. The Technion's spokesman's office says there is as yet "no decision." In fact, Gabi complains, the Technion adminis-tration treats him like... well, like a child. When

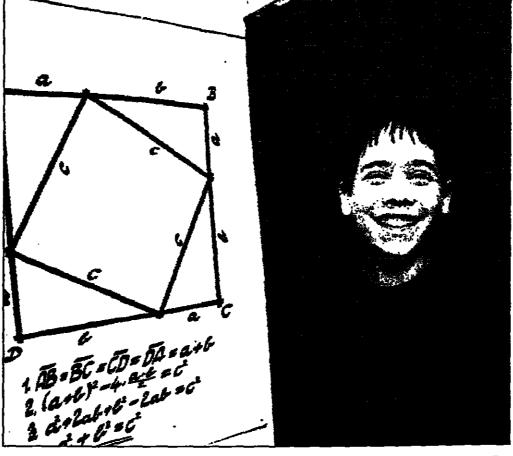
the dean's office calls his home, they ask to speak to his father, not to him. Gabi fumes at the insult. "I have no one to turn to," he says. "I can't go to the Student Union, because I'm not a real student. The administration doesn't help me. I may need to find a university with a better atmosphere, where

they treat me more normally."

GABI'S bedroom is amazingly neat for a 13-year-old boy. "It's not usually this clean," he apologizes. "You should see it when I'm study-

On the wall hangs a yellow poster displaying a simple algebraic equation. His collection of classical CDs is neatly lined up next to his stereo. Gabi listens to classical music "from morning to night," he says, mostly Brahms, Bach, Beethoven, Mozart and Bartok. The shelves are lined with Hungarian translations of the greatest in world literature. Gabi is presently reading Proust's Remembrance of Things Past, which he says he's quite enjoying.

Gabi was in ninth grade 18 months ago, when he first wrote to Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein to ask permission to leave school and prepare for the math bagrut on his own. He got his permission in the middle of 10th grade, and spent the next eight months studying at home.



Gabi Lukacs in his room at home, next to his algebra poster. He is advanced intellectually, but still a 13-year-old at heart.

Gabi doesn't feel he's missing out on a wellrounded education, despite the fact that he skipped all of high school, where most students get their first serious taste of history, literature and languages. His father guides his reading, and the two "discuss everything." Gabi insists, "biology, physics, psychology, history, economics, you name it "

If he'd failed the bagrut and been sent back to high school, he says it would have been a disaster. "I was so bored there." he says, rolling his

BUT HE'S still a 13-year-old boy. On his bed pillow lies a bedraggled stuffed animal, a shaggy brown dog with long, ragged ears. He smiles shyly and shakes his head when asked if he'd pose for a photograph with it. It's the only thing he salvaged from his toy collection when he and his father left

Hungary six years ago for Israel.

"Gabi is quite mature mentally, with a welldeveloped logical sense," Janos says. "But when I look at him, on the outside, I see a young teenager. Still, I'm not worried about him. I'm not afraid that

he's pushing himself too fast."

Given his commuting schedule, Gabi doesn't have much time for anything beyond his studies. "If I had time, I'd go swimming, but it's impossible," he says. He has one friend his own age, from the school he attended until last January. and two friends at the Technion. That's about it for relaxation, aside from the classical music.

He's now planning to take the five-point English and physics bagrut in June, in case he decides to apply to a foreign university. He's learning English on his own, using an outdated English-Hungarian textbook.

"It would be too bad if I had to leave the Technion," he says. "I already know the faculty, I like my teachers, and I feel a part of the student life. But the time factor, traveling back and forth like that every day, is too hard.

"If only there were another university, in Israel or abroad, where I could study more easily. I need a more normal atmosphere, and people who will help me. Now, I don't even get what the other students get. But I don't know who to turn to. I don't know what the future will bring."

Bad mix: Leukemia and polluted water

D'YORA BEN SHAUL

The incidence of childhood leukemia began to rise in the mid-1940s and has continued to increase.

The reasons have been unclear although many scientists have long suspected it is probably due to environmental factors. But, until now, no one could really say whether is was pesticides, radiation or food additives, for example.

A recent study in England may be able to throw

some light on the subject, and perhaps point the way to a new understanding of this disease. Denis Henshaw, a physicist at the University of Bristol. measured the levels of radiation emitted by newborn babies around the much-polluted Severn Estuary and concluded these newborns acquired their radioactive contaminants in the womb. Further studies showed that newborns carried through pregnancy around highly contaminated water sources had about half of the total radiation in their bodies that one would usually find in a 10year-old who had not undergone this exposure.

Studies by Ray Cartwright, an epidemiologist at the Leukemia Research Fund Centre in Leeds, also found that children living near river estuaries had two to three times more incidence of leukemia than children living far from such sources. He also concluded that polluted waterways were the rea-

According to Henshaw, the pollution emitted by motor vehicles settles and is washed into the waterways by the rain. In the case of estuaries, the action of tides also increases the amount of pollution that collects. People breathe the mist and vapors from the waterways together with the attendant pollutants. The Severn Estuary has been continuously monitored since the late 1800s. In 1850, pollution from petrochemicals was 2 parts per million, by 1970 it had reached 200 parts per million and is still going up.

Petrol and oils contain naturally occurring uranium and radon particles which decay to form Lead-210. This isotope is concentrated in the bones where it further decays to form short-lived "radiation daughters" such as polonium-210 which emits alpha radiation.

Radon especially is taken up by the fatty cells of the bone marrow and may often have radioactive concentrations as much as 16 times that found in the blood of the same person. These cells are then able to pass their load to the cells that form the blood in the marrow, and the result is leukemia.

According to hematologists, blood cells in children divide at a much greater rate, making them much more sensitive to radiation. At the same time, there has also been an increase in cases of

Justice calls into question votes for religious councils

In the Supreme Court, sitting as Strassberg-Cohen and Zevi Tal, in the matter of Prof. Yelludit Naot and others, petitioners, versus the Haifa Religious Council and others. respondents (H.C. 4733, 6028, 7105/94).

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tions in 1993, the minister for religious affairs was required, under section 6(b) of the Jewish Religious Services Law (Consolidated Version) of 1971, to reconstitute existing religious councils. He accordingly asked all local councils to propose their candidates to fill the quota of 45% of the religious councils, as demanded by section 3(a)(2) of

the Law. As laid down in Supreme Court precedents, the councils' selection of candidates was confined to two features. Firstly, each political faction was to propose its candidates in accordance, as far as possible, with its representation in the council. The council was then to consider the candidates' suitability for religious council membership.

In voting for members of the religious councils by the Jerusalem and Haifa city councils and the Kiryat Tivon local council followed the accepted procedure, and in each case candidates who

were members of a High Court of Justice, before Conservative or Reform move-justices Eliyahu Mazza, Tova ments were found to be unsuitable. Three petitions were then lodged with the Supreme Court, sitting as a High Court of Justice. to set the elections aside on the ground of unjust discrimination, and the court decided to hear the

> JUSTICE MAZZA delivered the first judgment of the court. Citing several precedents he reiterated principles applicable. Members of religious councils were not obliged to be religious, but were not to be antireligious. They were to be concerned with providing religious requirements. They were not required to be qualified according to Halacha since religious councils' duties did not demand deciding balachic questions. The council was an administrative body charged with supplying Jewish religious services, and it was this feature which determined a candidate's suitability for membership.

A candidate's personal outlook was irrelevant, and his disqualification on the grounds of member-ship in a non-Orthodox movement unlawful. was therefore Moreover, a mere fear that a candidate may interfere with the smooth working of the council

because of his personal views was not sufficient for his disqualification. A factual basis for that fear had to be proved to justify discrimination.

Justice Mazza then examined the voting procedures in each of the three cases. In Haifa, the personal qualifications of the two tes proposed by Meretz and Tsomet were placed before the council. It was also informed that they were members of the Reform and Conservative move-

ments, respectively. Only a few council members participated in the discussion, he continued. No one disputed the candidates' suitability, but a few members opposed them openly on the ground of their religious affiliation alone.

The mayor and the city council had submitted that the opposition of the few members who had raised the issue of non-Orthodoxy did not necessarily represent the views of the other members who did not speak.

This argument, said Justice Mazza, was unacceptable. The council was forbidden to weigh the religious affiliation of the candidates, and other members' silence on this issue could only be interpreted as consent. The result was that the candidates' disqualification was based on unlawful

LAW REPORT ASHER FELIX LANDAU

Counsel had also urged that the petitioner's remedy was to apply to the minister to rectify the situation by virtue of his powers under the above Law. He held, however, that the minister's powers did not exclude judicial review of the council's decision by the court.

THE ELECTION for the Kiryat Tivon religious council was discussed at two meetings of the local council. At the first meeting, the Tal party's representative pointed out that the religious council had no non-Orthodox representative. and he nominated two such candidates. The chairman then suggested that the religious council members be selected on the basis of the relative strength in the community of those institutions interested in receiving religious services. That number in the non-Orthodox sector was minimal. He opposed using the basis of the relative strength of the parties on the local council.

At the second meeting, the religious bloc, which was entitled to four representatives in the religious council, nominated candidates to fill all six seats required, while no vote was taken regarding the other two proposed. The nom-

ination of candidates other than on the basis of the party key in the local council, said Justice Mazza, was irregular.

Moreover, the candidates proposed by the Tal faction could only be rejected on the basis of unsuitability. That aspect, however, was never even considered, since the decision against them was apparently based entirely on their religious allegiance. That was clearly discriminatory and

AT THE beginning of the election meeting in Jerusalem. Mayor Ehud Ölmert announced that a personal vote would be taken regarding each candidate without discussion. He added his assumption that members would vote without any prior prejudice, and only on the basis of valid and relevant considerations which they had previously examined.

Meretz proposed two candidates and four alternates, all members of the Conservative or Reform movements. City councillor Ornan Yekutieli (Meretz) pointed out that the court had not ruled on the question of a religious council member following a religious way of life, but that, in any case, the two candidates proposed were religious and members of congregations concerned with religious

It was significant, Justice Mazza pointed out, that Yekutieli's comment followed a circular issued by the Religious Affairs Ministry five days after the court's judgment in Hoffman's case (H.C.699/89). The court had held that a religious council member was not required to be religious, and the circular said the opposite. However, the mayor refused to discuss that question, or to consult the municipal legal adviser, who was present, on the issue. Meretz then demanded that council members who had opposed its candidates state their grounds, but they declined. Citing several precedents

including Berger's case (H.C.297/82; The Jerusalem Post, July 24, 1983), Justice Mazza then dealt with the necessity that a public body discuss the issues before voting. There could be exceptions, but particularly in a question of public importance such as the present, a discussion was imperative. The city council was a representative body responsible to the citizens who elected it. The public had the right to know the grounds for its decisions. It was not entitled to take refuge behind "a wall of silence."

It acted as a parliament. It was required in the present context to decide on the suitability or unsuit-

ability of the candidates. Its grounds were subject to judicial review. If a member's reasons were legitimate, he should state them. If he refused to do so, it was to be presumed they were unlawful. The mayor had stated at the outset his presumption that members would vote lawfully, but he had no right to make such a statement. It was a pity the court's directives in Hoffman's case were ignored, with the result that the election was irregular.

In conclusion, Justice Mazza noted that although the Haifa municipal council had held a discussion, and had found the candidates personally suitable for membership on the religious council, it had wrongfully rejected them on the basis of their religious affiliation alone. Its procedures had been correct, although its decision was wrong. It would therefore be proper in this case to set the municipal council's decision aside, and to declare the two rejected candidates members of the religious council.

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In the cases of Kiryat Tivon and Jerusalem, the procedures had been seriously irregular. The elections, therefore, were set aside, and an order made for new elections to be held within 60 days of the publication of the court's judgment.

This is the first of two parts.

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Dahaf Ehad, Bozell Worldwide to sign deal

DAHAF EHAD, of the Dahaf advertising group, is expected to sign tomorrow a representation agreement with Bozell Worldwide, the ninth-largest American advertising agency.

The agreement will be signed

tomorrow, at Dahaf's new headquarters in Jaffa.

"The relationship between us was first established during joint work on Chrysler in Israel," said Dahaf Ehad general manager Danny Eliakim. "We wanted to form a relationship that would lead us to commercial results and would remain viable for an extended period of time."

At this point, Chrysler is Dahaf Ehad's one joint client with Bozell, but Bozell's client list includes several international accounts currently handled by other agencies here. The new relationship, Eliakim said, "will cause some upheavals."

Dahaf Ehad's move follows similar agreements signed between local companies and foreign advertising giants. Gitam, for instance, has signed with Tyco, and Singer.

BBDO Worldwide, Tamir-Cohen with J. Walter Thompson, and Kesher-Barel with McCann/

The Dahaf group is one of Israel's oldest and largest advertising

Founded in 1953 by Eliezer Zorabin, the company is now managed by its founding family's second generation and includes local advertising chain Reshet Dahaf, the Dahaf Research Institute and public relations division Dahaf Communications.

Veteran accounts include Tnuva, Bank Discount, Egged, and Coca-Cola which has been with the firm since its introduction here in 1968.

The group expects \$38 million in turnover for 1995.

Bozell Worldwide, part of Bozell, Jacobs, Kenyon and Eckhardt, has 80 offices in 50 countries, with headquarters in New York and international operations based in London. Major clients include Chrysler, Merrill Lynch, the New York Times,

Bank Leumi Trust NY reports \$14m. net profit

York (BLTNY), the Leumi group's largest subsidiary, completed 1995 with a net profit, the first annual profit in six years.

The bank reported net earnings of \$14 million in 1995, compared with a net loss of \$3m. last

At the end of December 1995, total assets reached \$2.1b. Shareholders equity was \$167.2m., deposits from the public \$1.8b and credit to the public \$730m. Leumi's extensive overseas ac-

tivities were often criticized as overstretched. Recently the bank had to retreat from its outposts in Canada and Hungary. The New York branch's cumulative losses between 1990 and 1995 totaled

BLTNY president Zalman Segal said the results reflect the successful implementation of a new business strategy, including reduction of many expenses, the sale of unprofitable branches and commercial activities.

The bank's business strategy was implemented approximately two to three years ago, in reaction to losses of \$55m. in 1993 and \$25.1m. in 1994.

As part of the bank's attempt to reduce losses, it signed an agreement to sell three branches to Republic National Bank of New York for \$4.5m.

The branches are situated in Brooklyn, Queens and on Manhattan's Broadway.

Int'l banking syndicate, organized from here, raises \$100m. for IEC

AN international banking syndicate has been organized for the first time from here, and has raised \$100 million for the Israel Electric Corporation.

The syndicate was organized by Union Bank, Euro-Trade Bank and Japan's Sumitomo. In the past, banks organized syndicates using their overseas subsid-

Union Bank and Euro-Trade Bank have reached a deal to cooperate in organizing syndicates

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

Euro-Trade Bank general manager Menahem Weber said the banks are already working on organizing additional syndicates.

of foreign banks for local firms.

'The successful loan proposal, which was initially for \$50m. was oversubscribed," the banks said. The banks agreed to provide credit of more than \$100m., but EC decided to limit the capital

Menahem Weber said the banks' ability to raise credit directly from Israel shows the international financial community's change in attitude towards raising capital for local firms.

The syndicate is made up of banks from Europe, the Far East and America. The loan agreement will be signed at the end of the month in London, in the presence of senior IEC officials and representatives of the banks participating in the syndicate.

British financiers here to explore business ties

LEADING British financiers have arrived in Tel Aviv for a two-day business conference, which starts today.

The conference will be attended by a delegation from the City of London, headed by the Lord Mayor of London John Chalstrey. The lead speaker will be the former British foreign secretary Lord David Owen.

The conference will explore the possibilities for expanding relations between Israel and the City - including joint ventures, development and financing of projects, flotations on London's stock exchange, real estate investments here and in Britain, and joint research and develop-

ment projects. About 400 Israeli and British delegates will represent a range of financial interests. They include senior representatives of leading companies and

organizations in Britain, includ-

ing Lloyds, the London Stock Ex-

change, the Bank of England,

The conference is a follow-up to Prime Minister John Major's visit here a year ago, when he was accompanied by a group of senior British businessman.

The gathering is sponsored by the British Embassy, the Israel-British Chamber of Commerce. and the British Overseas Trade

based on a multi-year agreement.

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Tadiran close to deal in Vietnam

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TADIRAN is close to signing an agreement with Vietnam to install Wireless Local Loop systems there, it was announced vesterday by Tadiran general manager Yisrael Zamir and Dang Ding Lam, director-general of the Vietnamese Ministry of Commu-

Zamir said a delegation of Tadiran representatives will visit Vietnam in a few weeks to finalize the agreement. He said the systems allow for

the installation of phone lines in areas where communication networks are undeveloped. Dang said Vietnam is currently

suffering from a shortage of telephones, with only one phone for every 100 residents. The ministry wants to increase the number of lines to allow for

five phones for every 100 residents. Zamir also said Tadiran will consider setting up a production

line in Vietnam.

Zamir is visiting Asia with a delegation headed by Koor, Tadiran's parent company.

The delegation includes Koor President and CEO Benny Gaon and Stanley Gold, Koor chairman and also president of the US Shamrock group.

Last week Gaon revealed that Koor is negotiating to invest in Vietnamese companies in the fields of food, telecommunications, raw materials for industry and building.



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Geo Interactive Media has successfully presented its EMBLAZE product this past weekend at the Milia Trade Show in Cannes, France.

Over 100 members of the international press attended Geo's presentation on Friday night. EMBLAZE, a software based technology, allows World Wide Web users to view quality animation images using a standard (14.4 kilobyte per second) modern. Geo said the EMBLAZE player will be available on the Internet through its home page at http://www.geo.co.il.

Stoeckl's days appear numbered with Daimler: Ernst Stoeckl, head of Daimler-Benz AG's rail and engineering unit AEG AG and a Daimler supervisory board member, will be forced to give up both positions this month, Der Spiegel said over the weekend. According to paper, Daimler-Benz chairman Juergen Schrempp wants Stoeckl to resign at Daimler's next supervisory board meeting on February 21.

A Daimler spokesman called the report "speculation," saying that such decisions are a matter for the supervisory board. Company, sources, however, have said they believe Stoecki will be asked to go for his part in AEG's failure to make

ECI Telecom records 14% rise in net profits

RACHEL NEIMAN

ECI Telecom has announced a 14.55 percent rise in 1995 net profits and a 14.46% rise in fourth quarter net profits.

Fourth quarter net profits went up to \$23.23 million from \$20.29m. in the parallel quarter Ouarterly revenues rose to

\$122.54m. from \$106.79m., while earnings per share increased to \$0.31 from \$0.27. Annual net profits rose to \$87.85m. from \$76.59m. in 1994.

Revenues went up to \$451.42m. from \$384.66m. Earnings per share rose to \$1.16 from \$1.01. Fourth quarter and full-year results include \$1.1m. in one-

time costs relating to the restruc-turing of subsidiary Telematics. ECI said fourth quarter results were favorably impacted by re-

cord sales of its Access Network product line, which was selected as the sole HDSL (high bit-rate digital subscriber line) vendor by leading carriers such as British Telecom, Telia of Sweden and Telenor of Norway.

HDSL enables carriers to increase their transmission networks without having to install fiber optic lines.

Sales during 1995 rose 25% in North America to \$113m., 37% in the Asia Pacific region to \$68m., and 7% in Europe to \$220m.

The 1995 figures do not include a \$60m. framework agreement to supply a wide-area network system for China's customs and foreign trade authorities exchange, which was announced in

US trade clash with Canda seems imminent

rejection of the book store giant Borders Group Inc., the latest rebuff of a US firm on the grounds of protecting cultural industries, could ignite a bitter trade clash, industry experts say.

The recent refusal by Canada's foreign investment watchdog agency, Investments Canada to allow the book superstore chain

just the latest bilateral irritant centered on Ottawa's policy of defending a vulnerable cultural

Adding to the chances of a trade flareup is Washington's increasingly tough public stance against foreign protectionism in the midst of a presidential election year.

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tions over the cost-of-living (COL) increment to be paid in this month's salary, due at the beginning of March. The employers rejected a Hisis relatively low.

tadrut's proposal for a two-year COL increment plan, preferring an ad-hoc settlement for February's wages, and reaching a multiyear plan before August, when the next increment is to be paid.

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The Histadrut is demanding changes in the way the increment is calculated, so that employees get compensation for wage erosion even when the inflation rate

However, the Histadrut is insisting the increment must cover 100% of the COL hike, if it rises above 8%.

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will protect the workers from creeping erosion in times of low inflation, but also a safety net in times of high inflation," Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz said. "We shall not agree to continuing the present system, in which the

of the COL index.

compensation barely covers 50%

The employers, however, insist on continuing the present system,

by February 15, when the January COL index is released, they may settle on an ad-hoc increment for February, and resume the talks on a multi-year agreement afterwards. The increment in February's

payslip is not expected to be more than 2.5%, minus the 0.5% given ahead of time last August.

Second day of union protests in France

PARIS (Reuter) - Thousands of people, most of them public employees, marched through Paris and other French cities yesterday on the second straight day of protests called by the Communist-led CGT union against government

austerity reforms. The marchers chanted slogans against government austerity reforms, especially that of the social security system that funds health care, family allowances and pensions. They also called for the protection of civil service jobs and for shorter working

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SINGAPORE (Reuter) - Asian nations, which have been adding

Precious metals decline

COMMERCIAL trade selling led to a decline in gold prices on Friday afternoon and spurred the other metals lower, with silver declining six cents on the day and platinum and palladium dipping \$6 and \$2.60, respectively. Analysts said that no specific bearish news affected the decline in metals prices, however sources said that sharp gains in stocks and bonds prices ensured that gold futures saw little returned invest-

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ment from the funds. At the close, April gold ended \$3.70 down at \$407.80 per ounce; March silver was down 6 cents at \$5.667 and ounce; April platinum ended \$6 lower at \$422.20 an ounce and March palladium closed down \$2.60 at \$139.85 per

Comex copper futures finished unchanged Friday at 117:20 cents a pound in thin trading, surprising analysts after a 3,700 metric ton decline in London Meral Exchange (LME) stocks in the morning.

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Traders said that general concerns over the economy in the US, Asia and Europe kept pressure on any upside movement

Corn futures held their gains and even made new session highs not long before the closing bell on Friday, supported by commercial

The majority of com's strength came from a favorable USDA Supply/Demand Report released

in the morning. March corn closed up 33/4 cents per bushel at \$3.63. Wheat futures showed healthy gains early in Friday's market,

finding strength from a friendly USDA Supply/Demand report for February, however, prices turned lower and made new session lows going into the closing bells Sources noted that trade liquida-

tion may have caused the reaction. The March wheat contract ended up three cents at \$5.13 per

Soybean funnes made new session lows just before the close, on-Friday following the lead in wheat, but managed to close at \$7.20 per bushel on the March contract - down 11/2.

Sources said that day-trade liquidation appeared to be the culprit of this late-day sell off.

March cotton rallied in Friday's session on speculative buying, hitring a high of 86 cents per pound, but prices were pressured late in the afternoon by speculative selling and reversed early gains to settle at 85.38 cents per pound,

down 22 points. March world sugar futures settled lower after hovering around the options strike price of 12 cents throughout the entire session.

Traders and analysts had predicted the market would trade at this level as the March options contract expired.

The March futures contract settled 11 points lower at 12.01 cents

per pound. Coffee futures settled higher on Friday on what analysts said was follow-through buying on the heels of Thursday's sharp gains. The March contract settled 235 points higher at \$1.2605.

March cocoa futures settled just up from session lows after an extremely quiet session. The March contract settled \$1 lower at

Courtesy of Michael Zwebner. CommStock Trading Ltd.

SEC in deal with Egypt; Israel next

CATRO (AP) - Arthur Levitt, chairman of the US Securities and Exchange Commission, signed an agreement yesterday to train Egyptians and other Arabs in stock market regulation.

The memorandum of understanding was signed by Levitt and Abdel-Hamid Ibrahim, chairman of the Egyptian Capital Markets Authority, which oversees Egypt's stock and bond markets.

A statement issued after the signing said the deal was the first with a market authority in the

Middle East. Under the agreement, the SEC will host Egyptian regulators at training programs in Washington. It also calls for consultation between the SEC and the Egyptian authority on securities issues. Levitt said a similar understanding will be signed between the SEC and Israeli market offi-

cials tomorrow.

China-Taiwan tensions may speed Asian arms race

heavily to their arsenals in recent years, may speed up weapons buying if tensions flare up in the Taiwan Strait, analysts and diplomats said over the weekend.

Part of the concern derives from China's new purchase of planes from Russia which will add considerably to its long-range firepower, they said.

"Southeast Asia is going to see how China deals with Taiwan," said Bruce Gale, an analyst at Singapore's Political and Economic Risk Consultancy. "If China wields a big stick, then down south the countries are going to say 'we will start buying more equipment'.

Post-Cold War Asia is already being wooed by arms manufacturers as one of the world's key mar-

"We see the Asia Pacific as a buyers' market," Don Vance, vice president for Asia-Pacific at Westinghouse Electronics Systems, a supplier of defense systems, was quoted by Singapore's Business Times newspaper as saying.

The Association of Southeast

Asian Nations (ASEAN) alone spent \$9 billion on arms in 1995, 22 percent of total world spend-

in export tax rebates, he said.

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ing, said Paul Beaver, editor of Jane's Sentinel.

ASEAN groups Brunei, onesia, Malaysia, the Indonesia. Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

"That's a huge amount of spending," Beaver said. "It puts ASEAN after the United States and the European Union. I expect the spending to increase by 2% every year," he said, adding that developments in China would "give more urgency" to ASEAN arms purchases.

Singapore Defense Minister Tony Tan said last week the friction between Taiwan and China was the most worrisome potential flashpoint in Asia as any conflict would change the strategic balance in the region.

We hope that cool heads will prevail and ways will be found to defuse the tension before the simation gets out of hand," he told an Asian security conference. Taiwan expressed concern over

a new Russian contract to supply advanced Sukhoi Su-27 fighter planes to China, a deal which a senior Russian defense official confirmed on Friday.

"Apart from expressing our concern to Russia, we hope that they can recognize that supplying

communist China with advanced weapons not only harms our security but also creates instability throughout Southeast Asia and Asia," Wang Wei-chieh, a director at Taiwan's foreign ministry, told iournalists.

Taiwan, China's rival since a civil war ended in 1949, has long been in a conventional weapons arms race with China. Beijing says it would use force against Taiwan, which it regards as a renegade province, if Taipei tried to become independent.

But senior Russian defense official Edward Neimark said the Su-27 contract, signed at the end of 1995, was unlikely to upset the balance of power in Asia. Neimark said in Singapore that

Moscow had sold Su-27s to Beijing in 1994 without much "I don't think it will raise the

tension in the region," he said of the new contract. "We have already supplied the first batch of Sukhoi 27s to China and there was no disbalance of forces in the area registered on that occasion. The second batch perhaps will not hinder the situation.

Some analysts said Asia's accumulation of arms stemmed from greater economic wealth, not in

reaction to any threat.

Arms dealers are capitalizing on tensions in the Taiwan Strait to market sales in the region and

"China is a blockbuster threat, because it has a border with practically all of Asia," said Noordin Sopiee, director general with the Institute of Strategic and International Studies in Kuala Lumpur.

and Taiwan because you have to assume a reasonable degree of sanity," Noordin said. "People nowadays are not interested in fighting for territory, they are more interested in fighting for markets."

Britain flocked to the Asian Aerospace show in Singapore last decade.

The aerospace show attracted 900 firms from 36 countries eager to display their military or commercial aviation wares.

worldwide, they say.

est rates.

"I am very relaxed about China

Lower western defense budgets have also prompted some arms makers to target markets in the Middle East and Far East to pull them out of recession.

Combat airplane makers from the US. Russia. France and week in a bid to win a share of the anticipated US \$88b, market for fighter planes over the next

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Indexes fall for

second day in row

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

INDEXES fell for a second trading day yesterday amid investor concern that rising inflation would lead to an increase in inter-

"The market is weak on uncertainty over inflation," said Zvi Hoffman, manager of mutual funds at Tel Aviv investment firm Meitav Ltd, "There are great differences in inflation forecasts for January from 0.7 percent to

The Central Bureau of Statistics is due to announce the Consumer Price Index on Thursday.

The Maof Index fell 0.28% to 214,23 and the Two-Sided Index dropped 0.34% to 205.50. Of 999 issues trading across the exchange, almost twice as many shares fell as rose.

More than NIS 91 million worth of shares traded, NIS 1.3m. above last Thursday's level and about even with this month's trading

exchange was Maof Index-listed Bank Hapoalim, which closed

unchanged after falling 0.25% in late trading. Some NIS 8m. worth of shares changed hands.

The bank's shares had fallen amid concern that banks had inflated the interests on debt owed them by kibbutzim, said Hoffman. According to some assessments, the banks could in fact owe the kibbutzim money.

"If reports about the kibbutz debt are correct. Bank Hapoalim has the most to lose," said Hoffman.

News reports indicated a split among organizations representing kibbutzim, with some of the farms calling for a reassessment of their debts and others calling for a continuation of the current debt arrangement.

The amount of money banks figure the kibbutzim owe them has been estimated at some NIS 15 billion.

Banks listed on the Maof include Bank Leumi, which fell The most active share on the , 1%; and First International Bank of Israel, which declined 0.75%.

China's trade surplus seen to dive in '96

BEIJING (Reuter) - China's trade surplus is forecast to plunge by more than \$10 billion this year from 1995, with a surge in imports due to a planned reduction in tariff, the China Daily Business Weekly said yes-

Export growth is expected to slip, and the trade surplus is likely to dwindle to around \$6b. from \$16.69b. in 1995, the newspaper quoted Ma fixian, an official of the cabinet's State Economic and Trade Commission, as saying.

Ma said imports could jump 25 percent in 1996 as a result of tariff cuts on 4,000 items set to go into effect on April 1. Imports grew by 14.2% in 1995. Imports are forecast to climb to \$158-165b. from \$132.08b. in 1995,

Exports on the other hand are expected to grow at a slower rate, because the government cut export tax rebates twice last year, the news-

Ma forecast that exports would be sluggish in the first quarter of 1996 but would rebound in the second quarter. Many businessmen stepped up production late last year and exported goods meant to be shipped in the first quarter of this year to beat the cuts

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuter) -Apple Computer Inc. announced two separate alliances over the weekend that are major endorsements of the troubled company and its Macintosh computer plat-

Japanese toy giant Bandai Co. said in Tokyo it will start selling Apple's Pippin multimedia terminal - a stripped down Macintosh that is both a game player and an Internet access device that plugs into a television set for a monitor. Bandai will start selling the Pîppin Atmark player in Japan on March 22 and in the US in May.

Separately, the Walt Disney Co. will produce CD-ROMs based on Disney cartoon characters for use on Apple's Macintosh line under a marketing arrangement, the companies said in Cannes, France, at a conference Friday.

"Someone thinks the patient is healthy and on its way to recovery," said Pieter Hartsook of the Hartsook Letter in Alameda. California, an Apple watcher. "[They] would not have gone

through with a deal if they thought the platform was dying. Apple's deal with Bandai, which marketed the popular Power Ranger line of toys, is the first major licensee of Apple's nascent Pippin technology, and Hartsook said he expects more to follow in the coming months.

The Pippin Atmark player, made under license from Apple, will run a range of entertainment, educational and business software on ordinary home TV sets.

Bandai, which made huge profits from the popular Power Ranger line of toys earlier this decade but has seen earnings stag-

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nate in recently, hopes the Pippin will revitalize its business.

"This is terrific news," Hartsook said, adding that Bandai had delayed its shipping of the Pippin Atmark because of its concerns about Apple and whether it would remain indepdent, after the company's widely reported merger talks with Sun Microsystems Inc. The Pippin may also be one of the key products to the future of financially struggling Apple, but as a game device, it is fraught

with risk. New game machines competing against the entrenched Sega and Nintendo have not fared well and 3DO Co., which makes the 3DO Multiplayer device, is now focusing on developing multimedia software.

But analysts also point out that games developed for the Pippin can also run on the 22 million

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - US

President Bill Clinton this week

may nominate Federal Reserve

Chairman Alan Greenspan to a

third term and name two new can-

didates to key central bank posts,

administration sources said over

that Clinton will choose Wall

Street financier Felix Rohatyn as

Fed vice chairman and tap banker

Anthony Terracciano as a Fed

the Republican-led Senate.

All three must be approved by

Greenspan, himself a Republican,

enjoys widespread support on

Capitol Hill and should have no

The betting in Washington is

the weekend.

governor.

Apple announces pacts with Disney, Bandai Macintoshes now in use.

Apple is also marketing the Pippin in the emerging market for the low-cost, stripped down Internet access devices. Marco Landi, president of Apple Europe. said Apple wanted to stay independent but needed to find partners. He cited the tie-up with Bandai as an example.

Bandai President Makoto Yamashina said Bandai's US unit. Bandai Digital Entertainment, said Bandai hopes to sell 200,000 Pippins in Japan and 300,000 overseas in the first year of sales.

Bandai Digital will start an Internet access provider business in Japan next month, and users of the Pippin will be able to use their televisions to access the Internet and other personal computer communications systems, Yamashina

trouble winning a third term.

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But the likely nomination of

Rohatyn has already run into

Republicans, who have criticized

the Lazard Freres and Co. manag-

ing director for his past support of

active government involvement in

McCurry said that Clinton had

spoken to National Economic

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had not yet received a formal rec-

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IMF: Pakistan's reforms put it on track for growth

Clinton seems ready

to pick Greenspan

for another term

International Monetary Fund (IMF) mission said over the weekend that Pakistan was well on track in implementing economic reforms and was likely to grow faster in fiscal 1995/96 (July/June) than initially envis-IMF deputy director Mohamed

ISLAMABAD (Reuter) - An

Erian told a news conference his mission would recommend that the IMF board release the second tranche of a \$600 million standby The first tranche had amounted

to \$200m. Erian said the decision about releasing the second tranche of \$80m, would be taken by the IMF executive board. "But the recommendation will be that it [Pakistan] qualifies for

the second tranche," he said. He said it was initially thought that Pakistan's gross domestic product growth in 1995/96 would be in the range of 5.5 percent compared to last year's 4.7%. "We now think that it will be in

the range of six percent." Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's government plans to cut inflation to 9% from last year's

Erian said the inflation rate had come down to 10% last December compared to 15% in December 1994. "So you are well on track,"

He also praised Pakistan's privatization of state enterprises and said the mission was satisfied that "the process is good and transpar-

Erian said his mission's study had shown Pakistan's economy was responding in "a very encouraging manner" to the government's structural reform and demand management policies.

"Economic growth prospects appear very favorable, inflation has already begun to decline and the international reserves have recovered," he said. "The favorable developments to date reflect the authorities' actions to tighten fiscal and monetary policy, the intensification of structural reforms and the availability of timely financial assistance.

The IMF mission believes that the continued implementation of the Pakistani authorities' macroeconomic policies will have further favorable effects on the process of economic growth and economic diversification."

December's standby loan was approved after the IMF last year canceled a three-year Enhanced Structural Adjustment Facility (ESAF) begun in 1994 after Islamabad failed to meet targets

for structural reform. Erian said the standby loan was a stepping stone for going back to a new three-year ESAF.

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THE game featuring two of the league's mediocre teams proved to be the most exciting as Eilat picked up a rare home victory over Holon in overtime last night. In other 14th-round action, Hapoel Jerusalem and Maccabi Rishon racked up important victo-ries, while Hapoel Tel Aviv and Maccabi Ramat Gan blew out their opponents.

Hap. Eilat 91, Hap. Holon 89 Shinton Amsalem hit a disputed basket at the end of overtime, capping a terrific comeback for the southerners. With five-tenths of a second left on the clock, Eilat managed to inbound the ball to Amsalem who proceeded to score the layup. The Holoners referred to the call as a disgrace, claiming that there couldn't possibly have been enough time for the entire play, and that another overtime was in order.

It didn't even seem like an extra session would be necessary, with less than two minutes to go in regulation, and Holon looking like the team that had led throughout the game. However, with 1:15 remaining. Ari Rosenberg hit a clutch three-point basket cutting the Holon advantage to 78-75. Eilat actually took the lead 79-78 with 10 seconds on the clock off of a J.J. Eubanks put-back. Holon's

Yariv Yatzkan hit one of two free throws six seconds later, sending the game into OT.

Eilat's victory propels them into 7th place in the standings, while Holon is still on pace to make the lower play-

Hap. Jerusalem 107, Mac. Jerusalem 89

Hapoel Jerusalem continued to keep pace with Maccabi Tel Aviv by turning in another big victory, moving their record to 13-1.

Maccabi used tenaciousness and a never-say-die attitude to keep it close into the second half, but Hapoel's superior talent proved to be the difference down the stretch. Billy Thompson (30 points) and Norris Coleman (27) were ably assisted by the solid play of Doron Shefa and Pini Levy. Joe Dawson was outstanding in

Mac. Rishon 109, Hap. Safed 97

Rishon Lezion showed how good the team can be by totally outplaying a very good Safed team. James Gully and Brian Oliver displayed many of the skills that make them arguably the most dangerous tandem in the league. Safed's loss just about eliminates any

hopes it harbored about making the

Mac. RG 82, Hap. Galil 64 Ramat Gan, in a furious attempt to avoid relegation to the second division at the end of the year, played its best game of the season in crushing

Galil on the road. Travis Mays led RG out of the gate as he scored seven of his 28 points in the first four minutes and the team never looked back. David Brooks was outstanding while pouring in 15 points. Desi Baremore and Robert Rose added 19 and 14.

respectively. Hap. TA 108, Hap. Gvat 84 Hapoel Gvat suffered another embarrassing loss en route to certain relegation at the end of the season.

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Stoudamire leads East past West in NBA rookie contest

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Damon Stoudamire, the runaway early choice for the Rookie of the Year award, showed everybody what all the fuss was about by leading the East to a 94-92 victory Saturday over the West in the NBA rookie game.

Stoudamire of the expansion Toronto Raptors had 19 points and 11 assists and showed off his considerable one-on-one skills to win the Most Valuable Player award in the NBA's third annual all-star game for first-year play-

Cup final at Wembley.

Arsenal and Aston Villa.

Middlesbrough Saturday.

LONDON (AP) - Tony Yeboah scored once and

set up the other to engineer a come-from-behind

2-1 victory for Leeds at Division One Birmingham

City yesterday to put his team in sight of a League

The Ghanaian striker fired the equalizer and

The two teams will meet again in the second leg

at Leeds' Elland Road in two weeks. The first leg

of the other semifinal is on Wednesday between

In Premier League action, early goals by Mark

Wright and Robbie Fowler gave third place

Liverpool a 2-1 victory at next-to-last Queens

Park Rangers. Liverpool is 11 points behind

leader Newcastle, which won 2-1 at

Some 24,000 fans at St Andrews saw lanky 6-

feet-7 Kevin Francis fire Birmingham ahead with

ham defender Chris Whyte.

then saw his goal-bound header helped into the

"It put a cap on a great first half of the season for me. I didn't know how long or short it would take me to get used to the NBA, but I'm lucky I got put into the right situation. I wanted to perform for the people who haven't had a chance to see me perform. Toronto's not on TV a lot,"

Stoudamire said. Stoudamire probably wouldn't have won the award, however, if Joe Smith of the Golden State Warriors had released the final shot of the game a split-second earlier. Smith, who had 26 points

Leeds enjoys come-from-behind

victory at Birmingham

a 25-yard shot after 27 minutes.

defense before shooting home.

keeper David James.

clear of the defense to shoot home.

Yeboah's equalizer came nine minutes into the

Seventeen minutes from the end, Yeboah

At Loftus Road, central defender Mark Wright

drove home an angled shot in the 16th minute

right after a shot had been deflected into his

from Stan Collymore and outpaced the Rangers

Fifteen minutes later, Fowler took a long pass

Rangers, which has only 18 points from 26

games, hit back near the end when Danny

Dichio's 20-vard shot took a deflection off

Liverpool defender Phil Babb and flew past goal-

second half when he collected a header-on and ran

climbed to meet a cross from Gary Kelly and

Whyte, trying to head it over the bar, succeeded

to lead all the scorers, nailed a three-pointer just after the final buzzer.

The basket was waved off and the award was Stoudamire's. Stoudamire, who leads the Raptors in points and assists and has played more minutes than any other rookie, scored five of the East's final nine points - on a basket in the lane after he drove past Tyus Edney and a 3-pointer with

55 seconds left. Stoudamire also had four steals. two rebounds and just two

SHOW OF SHOWS - More than one hundred thousand people turned up for yesterday's World

Cricket World Cup opens amid controversy

CALCUTTA (Reuter) - Cricket's 1996 World Cup was launched at a dazzling opening ceremony yesterday but controversy raged as Australia and West Indies forfeited matches after refusing to play

SPORTS

Two days of talks between organizers, world cricket chiefs and representatives of the 12 competing teams failed to resolve a crisis over Sri Lankan fixtures that has rocked the game's premier limited overs tournament.

Australia and West Indies stood by their decision not to play in Colombo because of safety fears after a bomb blast in the Sri Lankan capital killed more than 80 people and injured 1,200.

Sri Lanka was awarded a "walkover" against the two teams after organizers refused to change the schedule and have effectively

qualified for the quarter-finals before a ball is even bowled. The top four teams in each group of

six go through.
The India-Pakistan-Lanka Organizing Committee (PILCOM) was involved in backroom diplomatic efforts as well as formal talks with officials and the International Cricket Council (in an attempt to overcome the crisis.

PILCOM said in a statement: "Several alternate suggestions and offers were made to the ACB (Australian Cricket Board) and WICBC (West Indies Cricket Board of Control), including India's offer to play their match against Kenya in Sri Lanka, provided Australia and West Indies

agreed to play in Sri Lanka. But the ACB and WICBC were adamant. "Sri Lanka will be awarded a "walkover" against Australia and West Indies and two points will be awarded to Sri Lanka for each of these matches.

The Jerusalem Post

"PILCOM would, however, again request the cricket boards of Australia and West Indies to match the goodwill and solidarity shown by Zimbabwe and Kenya (who have agreed to play in Sri Lanka) by reconsidering their decision not to participate in the scheduled matches in Sri Lanka."

Australia and West Indies refused to play in Sri Lanka on February 17 and February 25 respectively because of safety fears after the bomb blast in Colombo on January 31.

Australian Cricket Board (ACB) chairman Malcolm Gray said: "Australia are concerned about the security situation in Sri Lanka. Therefore the match will

Israel-Norway Davis Cup tie set back by rain

THE weather had the last word yesterday as all efforts to conclude the Davis Cup tie between Israel and Norway at Ramat Hasharon were put on hold at least until today.

Norway's No. 1 player, Christian Ruud, led his Israeli counterpart Eyal Ran 5-4 in the first set of the first reverse singles rubber when the rains returned to the Canada Stadium at Ramat Hasharon.

Israel leads the tie 2-1.

The match yesterday had already been delayed by some two hours as the center's staff dried the court following the downpour overnight, and by the time ITF referee Fabrice Shouget of France announced the suspension of play for the day at 5 pm, only a handful of die-hard supporters were still hanging around.

Originally, less than 100 spectators had turned out to see what they had hoped would be the conclusion of an exciting, closely fought encounter. Ran began very confidently and

raced into a 3-0 and 4-1 lead before Rund struck back, breaking the Israeli No. 1 twice to lead 5-4. Once the Norwegian found his range in the long baseline rallies, Ran found it difficult to keep pace with his opponent. The rains came just as Ran was broken for the second time, and when play resumes this morning at 11 am, Rund will attempt to serve for the first set. The Norwegian, 80 in the IBM/ATP World Singles Rankings, plays the majority of his tennis from well behind the baseline and shows no emotion in any situation - either when winning or losing. Ran (170) will have to cope with this iceberg if be wants to help Israel clinch the tie in the first part of the day. If Ran fails, the burden of keeping Israel in the Euro/African Zone Group 1 will fall on the young shoulders of Eyal Erlich. He has been called in as a replacement for No. 2 singles racket, Noam Behr, who suffered an ankle injury in the opening rubber against Rund on Friday. On paper, Erlich (264) has the advantage over his opponent today, Helge Koll (753), but whether he will have any kind of advantage on court remains to be seen. In Saturday's doubles, Erlich - who partnered Ran began very weakly and only picked up his form from midway through the match. By the end, when Israel had returned from a two-set deficit, Erlich was in full flow, serving and volleying well.

Koll, on the other hand, played well throughout the doubles, but it is difficult to predict where the ing without the pressure of the home support on his shoulders, size of the crowd. Entry today is midnight, at which point Israel -

Recordbreaking swim team returns

HEATHER CHAIT

today

THE national swimming team returns home today from their sensational string of victories in the World Cup competition in Europe.

Yesterday saw Yoav Bruck and Eytan Orbach add two more bronze medals to the team's hoard, with Bruck's personal collection over the past two weeks rising to eight.

Orbach's bronze came in Gelsenkirchen, Germany, in the 200 meters backstroke event where he set a new Israeli record of 1:57.52 minutes.

Bruck swam the 50m. freestyle in 22.19 seconds to finish in third place, one-hundredth of a second

outside his best time. Two Jerusalemites, Yoav Meiri and Mickey Halika, both improved on Bruck's national record in the 200m. individual

medley. Meiri chopped half a second off Bruck's record with a time: of 2:03.97 while 10 minutes later Halika continued to lower the time further to 2:03.55 and a sixth place finish.

Dan Kutler also cracked a new record in the 100m. butterfly, setting a time of 53.68 seconds in the final to finish fourth.

Lital Kashriel left her mark on the last day of the tournament in the 50m, butterfly, achieving a new record of 28.56 seconds and fifth place. The swimmers will be wel-

comed at Ben-Gurion Airport this afternoon by Deputy Minister of Education and Sport Micha

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advantage lies. Koll will be playwhile Erlich will know what is expected of him, regardless of the free and if rain intervenes, play can continue until tomorrow at as host - would have to forfeit the tie, Yair Engel, Israel Tennis Association managing director said yesterday. As the weather forecast for today is much better than yesterday, the option of playing indoors has been rejected. Engel said.

Record Wigan sequence halted by Salford

LONDON (Renter) - One of the longest-standing unbeaten records in British sport ended abruptly yesterday when Wigan was beaten 26-16 by Salford in rugby league's Challenge Cup fifth

Wigan had not lost in the competition in 43 matches spanning eight years.

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NHL - Saturday's results: N.Y. Ish 4, Ameheim 3, Philodelphia 6, Boston Z; Pittsburgh 6, Chicago 3; New Jersey 3. N.Y. Rangers 0; Detroit 3, Tampa Bay 2 (OT); San Jose 6, Los Angeles 1; St. Louis 6, Dallas 3; Ottawa 5, Mentreal 3; Buffelo 2, Toronto 2; Winnipeg 3, Calgary 2; Washington 4, Vancouver 4.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL-Saturday's top 25 results:

No. 3 Kansar lost to Missouri, 77-73. No. 6 Villaneva bear Rutgers, 76-64. No. 7 Utak bent Colorado State, 78-73. No. 10 Pean St. best Mich. St. 54-59. No. 11 Virg. Tech beat Xavier, 78-73. No. 12 N. Car. lost to Geor. Teels, 92-83: No. 13 Tex. Tech heat Tex. A&M. 66-63 No. 14 Purdue beat No. 23 Mich., 69-64. No. 18 Syn best No. 8 GT, 85-64. No. 20 Louisville best Alabama

Birminelson 21-66. No. 21 Iowa State bent Neluaska, 74-59. No. 22 Borton Col. bent Minus, C2-58. No. 24 E. Mich. best Cen. Mich., 91-78. No. 25 Stanford beat No. 27 [ICLA, 67-56.

India upsets Netherlands to reach tennis quarter-finals Andrei Chesnokov. The winner will meet the victor of South Africa-Austria, whose match, currently tied

LONDON (AP) - Jan Siemerink lost his second singles match and Jacco Eltingh conceded his because of injury yesterday to give India an upset victory over the Netherlands and a place in the Davis Cup quarter-

Siemerink stumbled in three tie-breaks to lose to India's Leander Paes, who won 7-6 (7-2), 2-6, 7-6 (7-

Then Mahesh Bhupathi, who had beat Siemerink in five sets, led Eltingh two-sets-to-one when the Dutchman retired with a knee injury.

India will face Sweden April 5 to 7 for a place in the semifinal. The Swedes, four time titlist since 1984, overpowered Belgium 4-1 and had already clinched a quarter-final place after Saturday's dou-

Germany also made it to the last eight by beating Switzerland 5-0 despite the absence of Boris Becker and faces the French, which also scored a 5-0 victory over Denmark.

The defending champion United States clinched a place in the last eight by winning Saturday's doubles against Mexico and will visit the Czech Republic,

which downed Hungary 5-0. Russia and Italy were tied at 2-2 when rain delayed

the final singles between Renzo Furlan and Russia's

at 1-1, will be completed today because of rain.

At Katrineholm, Johan van Herck upset Sweden's top player, Thomas Enqvist, 7-5, 6-2 but Magnus Larsson scored a 7-6 (7-3), 6-4 victory over Belgium's Dick Norman.

The Germans also had already clinched a quarterfinal place Saturday but completed a shutout against the Swiss in Geneva when David Prinosil downed Alexandre Strambini 6-3, 6-3 and Hendrik Dreekmann beat Jakob Hlasek 6-4, 6-4.

France's Cedric Pioline, who also won a singles on Friday, beat Denmark's Kenneth Carlsen, 7-5, 6-4 and Guillaume Raoux, a late substitute for Guy Forget, downed Frederik Fetterlein 6-3, 6-4.

Daniel Vacek and Jiri Novak completed the Czech Republic's sweep against the Hungarians in Pilsen. Vacek beat Sandor Noszaly 7-5, 6-3 while Novak met more resistance from Jozsef Krocsko before triumphing 5-7, 7-6 (7-4), 6-0.

Australia, a one-time Davis Cup powerhouse which slipped out of the World Group after upset losses to teams from South Africa and Hungary last season, scored an easy victory over Taiwan in the Asia-Oceania Zone.

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DANCE

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THERE are only two more opportunities to see the Batsheva Dance Company perform Paul Norton's The Rogue Tool, danced to the music of renowned British jazz musician Fred Frith. It is performed on a double bill with Tero Sarinen's Fluck, which the Finnish choreographer created for Batsheva last season. At the Suzanne Dellal Center in Tel Aviv at 9:00.

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RUTH KERN

PAUL and Jamie's relationship may not have gone stale in Mad About You, but the show's premise - that of a newly married couple - has. It's hard to keep up the pretense after three whole seasons. So, now that the premiere of season No. 4 is here, there's baby-talk in the air. Fans may worry that this development will upset the chemistry between the two stars, but others could justifiably feel that the show is so basically flat and unfunny it hardly matters. The new season begins tonight on the Family Channel at 9:40 p.m.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** LISBON STORY - Like all Wim Wenders's films, this is a moviemaker's movie, concerned no less with the state of the art than with being human. It's the wistful-sweet tale of a German filmmaker named Phillip, a soundman, who travels to the Portuguese capital in search of his missing American collaborator. The real star of the picture, though, is the city itself: as Phillip hunts for his friend, it becomes clear that this conventional mystery plot is merely a pretext for

DRIVE - IN



The fourth season of 'Mad About You' kicks

Wenders to roam and film the twisty streets. And given the eclectic and riveting footage this yields, it seems as good an excuse to explore as any.

The movie also gains an instant infusion of rich, local feeling from its lush soundtrack, and benefits from the light slapstick that distinguishes so much of the action.

As Phillip hops on and off trolleycars with his fuzzy microphone, lopsided smile, and broken leg, he suggests a cheerful, verbal descendent of Buster Keaton in The Cameraman. (German, English, and Portuguese dialogue, Hebrew and English subtitles. Not recommended for chil-

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E FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Falcon Crest 9:00 One Life to Live 9:45 The Young and the Restless 10:30 Second Time Around 10:55 Not Far From Home 11:25 Celeste 12:10 Neighbors 12:35 Perry Mason 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 The Trials of Rosie O'Neiii 14:55 Falcon Crest 15:45 ENG 16:45 Neighbors 17:10 Antonella 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and The Restless 19:30 Local broadand The Restless 19:30 Local broad-cast 20:00 Celeste 20:50 Married with Children 21.15Nanny - comedy 21:40 Mad About You - Jamie and Paul won't be just a twosome forever, as the fourth season premieres 22:05Fraser - comedy 22:30 Liberated Woman - comedy 23:45Sisters 00:35 Counter Offensive 1:25 Knots Landing

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 Connecticut Yankee (1990) comparatively recent version of the Mark Twain classic (90 mins.) 12:05 impact (1949) - Suspense thriller about an unfaithful wife and her lover who plan to murder her wealthy hus-band. Starring Brian Donlevy and Ella Raines. Directed by Arthur Lubin. Ella Harnes, Directed by Armur Lubin.
(110 mins.) 14.00 Whose Line Is It
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involving both the CIA and the KGB
16:05 Shattered Dreams (1990) based on the true story of the battered wife of a high-ranking Washington official, who sued her husband for damages (89 mins.) 17.35 Movie News 17:45 Le Peti Criminal - French drama about a 15year-old boy who suddenly discovers that he has a sister whom he has never seen (96 mins.) 19:25 Fatal Image (1990) - suspense drama about a mother and daughter who. while vacationing in Paris, capture a savage murder on video (68 mins.) 21:00 Lies of the Heart (1994) - a young woman serving a long prison sentence for killing her husband experiences a series of flash-backs of how he beat her (88 mins.) 22:35 The Lotus Eaters (1993) - the story of a Canadian farming family in the early 1960s (100 min) 00:20 in the Eye of a Stranger (1992) - a police-man assigned to guard a young woman who witnessed a fatal shootout falls in love with her, but become suspicious of her when a mysterious

■ CHILDREN (6)

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restaurant menu (84 mins.)

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E SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Van Gogh (1991, French) drama focusing on the final period in the life of the great artist, who in the last three months of his life produced close to 100 breathtaking works (151 mins.) 00.35 Paths of Glory - Stanley Kubrick's masterful anti-war drama. Based on the true story of a French general in World War I, who sent his soldiers on what he knew in advance to be an impossible mission. And when they fall, he brings three of them before a military tribunal. Starring Kirk Douglas, Ralph Meeker and Adolphs Menjou. (83 mins.)

■ DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University: Management, Marketing and Economics 12:00 Human Nature 13:00 Beyond 2000 14:00 Open University 16:00 Human Nature 17:00 Beyond 2000 18:00 Open University 20:00 In Search of Our Ancestors 21:00 China, the awakening dragon 22:00 Contract, profit and loss 22:45 in Search of Our Ancestors 23:45 Open University 6:00 Open University: Management

■ ITV 3 (33)

17:00 Cartoons 17:30 Migrating Birds 18:30 Panorama with Zaidan Atshe 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Songs We Loved 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 Opening Shots - series about talented young exponents in all fields of art 21:15 City of Sadness - prizewinning Taiwanese production begin-ning at the end of the Japanese occupation during World War II. The plot centers around a family of merchants in which there are four sons, each of whom takes a different direction. tion in life (151 mins.) 00:00

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Hey Dad 16:00 Math enrichment 17:00 At the Bottom of the Sea With Delphi 17:30 Time Out 18:00 The Herodian Kingdom, Between East and West 18:30 Family Relations 19:00 Basic Arabic 19:30 Before Induction - program about army service 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subtitles) 20:30 Preparation for Bagrut 21:00 Medicine Demystified 21:30 Korea -The Unknown War 22:30 Spirited

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 ITN World News 7:15 NBC News 7:30
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Show 10:00 Super Shop 11:00
European Money Wheel 15:30 The
Squawk Box 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Frost's Century 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 Frontal 22:30 ITN News 23:00 Supersport 00:00 Best of the Tonight Show 1:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien

■ STAR PLUS

elderly man shows up with informa-tion about her past (90 mins.) 1:50 6:00 Beverty Hillbillies 6:30 Look and Cook 7:00 Video Fashion Monthly 7:30 Gabrielle 8:30 Santa Barbara 9:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 10:00 Oprah Winfrey 11:00 Remington Steele 12:00 Look and Cook 12:30 Videofashion News 13:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 13:30 Small Wonder 14:00 The Black Stallion 14:30 Batman 15:00 Home and Away Entertainment Tonight

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E CHANNEL 5

5:30 Bodies in motion 7:30 Basic Training 13:00 NBA All Stars from San Antonio 16:00 Bodies in motion 16:30 British Soccer 20:15 Live National League basketball 22:30 Premier league soccer roundup 23:45 NBA Highlights

EUROSPORT

9:30 Alpine skiing 11:00 Formula 1 12:00 International motorsports magazine 13:00 Boxing 14:00 Biathlon azine 13:00 Boxing 14:00 Basilion 15:00 Figure skating 17:00 Swimming 18:00 Cycling 19:00 African Nations' Cup soccer high-lights 20:30 Eurogoals 21:00 Speed world 23:00 Pro-wrestling 00:00 Eurogoal 1:00 Eurogolf 2:00 Karting

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BBC WORLD

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RADIO

W VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Charlie Chaplin: Bonjour Madame for cello and piano; Barber: Medea ballet suite; Copland: Old American Songs for baritone and orch; Claude Bolling: 2 movements from Suite for cello and jazz trio; Scriabin: Sonata no 3 in F sharp minor for piano op 23; Rachmaninoff: The Bells choral symphony; Michael Tippett: The Blue Guitar sonata for guitar solo; John Ireland: Fantasy-Sonata for clarinet and piano 12:00 Light Classical -- Verdi: excerpts from Nabucco 13:00 Pianist Maria Joao Pires -- Mozart: Sonata no 14 in C minor K457; Francic Sonata in A for plane and vie-Im; Debussy: Sonata in G minor for violin and plano 14:06 Encore 15:00 Cycle of Works - Beethoven's plano sonatas 16:00 Early music 17:00 Etnahta - live broadcast from Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem. Yossi Amheim (flute), Lazar Schuster (vio-lin), Yuri Gandelsman (viola), Marcel Bergman (cello), Yulia Sverdlov (harp). Haydn: Trio for flute, violin and cello; Debussy: Sonata for flute, viola and harp; Havi Shankar: The Magic Dawn for flute and harp; Mozart; Quartet in D for flute and string trio 19:00 Rainbow of Sounds 20:05 Beethoven: Trio in C for 2 oboes and English hom op 87; Schurnann: Piano quintet in E flat op 44 21:00 A Matter of Agreement

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'Davar Rishon' closes this week

MICHAL YUDELMAN

DAVAR Rishon will close at the end of the week, following the Histadrut's decision yesterday not to give the newspaper additional financial support.

"We'll publish the paper to the very last moment as a live and active newspaper," editor-inchief Ron Ben-Yishai said, "not only in the hope that something can still be done to save it, but because even facing death, one must die on one's feet."

The decision to close Davar Rishon came after a long, tense Histadrut executive session, when it transpired that all the attempts to find investors for the newspaper had failed.

Members of the paper's executive committee appeared, outlined the newspaper's business and editorial achievements, and requested another \$6 million over the next two years, to get "breathing space" to negotiate with potential investors.

Ben-Yishai said Davar Rishon has a right to exist "as an independent, serious newspaper. The others are tabloids. Ha'aretz, the only other serious paper, is business oriented. It is essential that there is at least one serious newspaper which has a humanist orientation and social sensitivity, like ours."

The Histadrut, which decided to get rid of Davar when Haim Ramon was elected chairman two years ago, agreed to pay \$1 million a year for three or four years to support the paper, on condition that an investor was found to purchase its stock with the workers. During the past year, the Histadrut paid \$35 million to cover the newspaper's debts, severance fees, and maintenance. But the decision to cut off further financial support constituted a

Rafael staff begins hunger strike

OVER 70 Rafael workers who are facing dismissal began a hunger strike yesterday outside the giant armaments development authority plant south of Acre.

The hunger strikers, who have pitched a tent near the plant's entrance, are pressing management to rescind the firing notices they received in the past week.

They have the full backing of the Rafael works committee and the Histadrut's Haifa branch. The latter has also submitted a petition to the Haifa Labor Court for an injunction against the dis-

Branch secretary Baruch Zaltz said that although the Civil Seragement a mandate to fire 350 government employees, negotiations were still continuing.

"We believed that management would not use this threat and implement the dismissal procedure, but would continue with the negotiations," Zaltz told reporters yesterday.

The works committees and the Histadrut maintain that the staffing cutbacks can be achieved

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He noted that "most investors,

like those who bought Ma'artv and The Jerusalem Post, knew that even if their investment falls flat, the papers had enough real estate to cover the costs. In Davar, however, all the real estate was mortgaged a long time before I arrived on the scene."

death sentence for Davar Rishon.

"This is a sad day for Davar Rishon, but also for the Israeli press, which will remain with three newspapers, privately owned by three families constantly at war with one another," one

through voluntary retirement,

The Histadrut has put forward

which around 400 government

employees and 600 contract

workers would leave over the

next 12 months, provided they

received "acceptable" severance

maining workers would accept a

wage freeze for the next two years

- equivalent to an overall 14 per

cent cut in salary - in return for a

commitment that plans to turn Ra-

fael into a public company would

Yigal Cohen, head of the trade inion department at the Hista-

drut's Haifa branch, said there

were indications that these pro-

posals were acceptable to the

Treasury. The ultimate decision,

however, has to be made by

Prime Minister and Defense Min-

Haifa Histadrut officials and

representatives of the Rafael

works committees were due to

ister Shimon Peres.

be frozen for the same period.

It has also been agreed that re-

terms and pension rights.

alternative proposals under

rather than forced dismissals.



A sad editor-in-chief Ron Ben-Yishai stands in 'Davar Rishon's' newsroom after it was announced the paper will close at the end of

the week. Workers mourned the passing of a paper with acute social consciousness. One said: 'Not only ratings and business

THE High Court of Justice yesterday threw out a petition asking that Ami Ayalon's appointment as head of the General Security Service be delayed, saying there is no factual basis for the petition-

ers' claims. The petition was filed by two men who had served under Ayalon in the navy, Ami Hollander and Ram Golombik. It asked that Ayalon's appointment be delayed until he is investigated on a matter which, the petition alleged, revealed flawed behavior on

TEL AVIV District Court yester-

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Amir's lawyers, who had asked

that psychiatrists examining the

confessed assassin watch all vid-

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country's schools do not have ad-

Speaking at a press conference held with OC Home Front Com-

mand Maj.-Gen. Shmuel Arad.

Goldman said that 26% of

schools in the North do not have

adequate shelters; as do 40% in

the Haifa area; some 41% of the

schools do not have proper shel-

ters in the central area, 38% in

Tel Aviv, 51% in Jerusalem and

Schools lack proper shelters

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Deputy Education Minister Mi-shelters were built during the

THIRTY-NINE percent of the sector are inadequate.

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Ayalon's part. The details of the Kedmi, and Dalia Dorner decidaffair were banned from ed there was no evidence to justipublication.

According to Ha'aretz, the two petitioners had been fired by the navy, allegedly for improper behavior, and had countercharged that they were fired because they uncovered improper behavior in the higher ranks and reported it.

photographer Ron Kempler.

After a hearing that lasted no more than 10 minutes, however, Justices Aharon Barak, Ya'akov

The request was filed last week

by defense lawyers Shmuel

Fleishman and Gabi Shahar who

argued that in order to determine

the accused's mental stability,

"The rate of 'shelter deficien-

would barely provide any protec-

recommended that the policy be

to close schools during times of

emergency, but the security cabi-

net has not accepted this

The press conference was

called in advance of a nationwide

civil defense drill being held in

the schools on Wednesday. (Itim)

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tion," Goldman said.

recommendation.

fit to head the GSS, saying that is not for them to decide. However, they stressed that their complaints against Ayalon are not on fy the petitioners' claims. The afthe professional level. fair had already been examined "On the professional level, I by both the army comptroller and certainly have no criticism of Ami

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the Judge Advocate-General's Ayalon," said Hollander. Office, and these bodies had also "He is one of the most talented people ... in Israel," agreed Gofound no basis to the petitioners' claims. The affair also has been lombik. "But on a personal level,

brought before a labor court. I think he's missing something ... After the hearing, both peti-If there were errors and covertioners declined to comment on ups by those beneath him, he is responsible." whether they considered Ayalon

Psychiatrists examining Amir won't see all police videos They are scheduled to continue

psychiatrists should watch every second of the films, "if necessary several times."

ed Amir last Friday at Hasharon Prison where he is being held.

The team of psychiatrists visit-

fore reaching conclusions about Amir's mental state. The psychiatric findings are due to be presented to the judges

their examinations tomorrow be-

on Thursday.

Jordan Valley kibbutzim want probe of interest rates

Council chairman yesterday called on Supervisor of Banks Ze'ev Abeles to conduct a thorough investigation into bank interest rates in light of the kibbutz debt affair, or resign.

The call was made as a result of the Procaccia Report, which alleged the commercial banks miscalculated charges to kibbut-

zim over many years. Shore is organizing an emergency meeting of members of

JORDAN Valley Regional Jordan Valley kibbutzim tomor-

inquiry into the matter.

There is aiready strong opposition to proposals that four kibbutzim in the region should give some of their land to the banks, as part of the kibbutzim debt agreement with the banks and the

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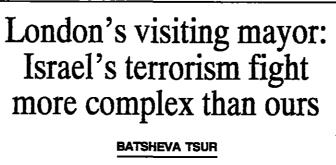
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LONDON'S lord mayor said yesterday that Friday night's IRA bombing in his city had been a setback to the peace process in Northern Ireland, but that he believed negotiations would resume after a short break.

Speaking after a meeting with President Ezer Weizman at Beit Hanassi yesterday evening, John Chalstrey said: "We just need to keep cool. We'll not allow them to blow us off course. There's no way that this sort of terrorist outrage can affect the British people's resolution. They should know it's counterproductive." Asked whether there were sim-

ilarities between the terrorist ac-

tivities in the British capital and this region, Chalstrey said that Israel's problem is "more complex. The number of people who are prepared to go to such lengths is smaller in our case. But there are many similarities."

The lord mayor said that, like the Israeli government, the British government is working together with all those who are interested in non-violence to achieve peace. "After a short break, negotiations will restart, I

With reference to cooperation with Israel on urban terrorism, he added: "We'll combat it together whenever we can.*

Meshulam and supporters get solitary confinement

RAINE MARCUS

UZI Meshulam and his 11 supporters were placed in solitary confinement last night.

The move came after the group created more trouble in Ramle's Ayalon Prison following dissatisfaction with a Supreme Court rul-

ing last week. The court reduced Meshulam's eight-year sentence by 18 months, but he and his followers believe he should be acquitted.

Yesterday, they declared a hunger strike, and the Prisons Service withdrew their privileges, canceling their rights to make phone calls or receive visitors.

The group then demanded to be placed in solitary confinement, threatening that otherwise it would give the authorities a 'good reason'' to put them into

An hour later, they began to tear and cut wires attached to closed-circuit TVs and smoke detectors. They were then taken to solitary confinement cells.

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